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THE DUSKY RACE.

Condition of the Colored Population of New-York.

Their Numbers, Avocations and Modes of Living.

The Prejudices and Circumstances that Keep Them Down.

Their Churches and Charitable Institutions.

Scenes in a Colored Dance-house—Statistics of Mongrelism.

What is the present condition of the colored people of this City? This is a question which must be interesting to all classes of the community, and very to those who are influenced by general philanthropic motives or those who take an especial interest in the well-being and moral elevation of the race, but also to those lovers of speculation of political economy, who consider that the prosperity of each and every section of society is conducive to the national welfare.

THE COLORED POPULATION.

The colored population of New-York which numbered, according to the census of 1860, 12,472 persons, increased during the first years of the war, from the arrival of contrabands and other causes, to 15,000. After the riotous uprising of the Irish against the colored people in the time of the draft, in July, 1863, many of them left the City for fear of future ill-treatment, and a greater emigration has been since going on which has reduced their numbers at the present time, according to the calculation of those among them who have the best opportunities of judging, to something more 12,000. This is exclusive of a floating population of seamen, ships' cooks, hotel waiters, etc., amounting to 3,000 or 4,000. They are thus distributed: In the neighborhood of Bethune, Crosby, Cherry, Delancey and Baxter streets, about 1,500; in the Five Points District, about 300; in Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-fourth streets, extending from Fifth-avenue to the North River, nearly 1,500; in the neighborhood of Thompson, Lewis, West-Washington, Waverley, Greene, Bedford, Bleecker and Canal streets, and Sixth, Seventh and Eighth-avenues, about 4,000; and nearly the remainder, indiscriminately over the City. These figures, their reference so frequently cited in difficult to notice of a popular estimate of their numbers, but this is believed to be their own people to be a fair approximation.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The men who principally occupied as waiters in private families, waiters in boarding and dining saloons, barbers, whitewashers, hostlers and Kilmanbers; while many of them are boatmen and longshoremen, and a few work principally as artisans in different trades. In the Spring, Summer and Autumn great numbers of them as as cooks, stewards and waiters on the various river steamers, many also are employed as waiters in the hotels of the different Summer Resorts and watering-places; and, also, in the excess produced by these years that it is presumed that there are twice as many men as colored men in the City during the Winter months, when the hotels are all closed and the steamers laid up, that large sum in the Summer days. This latter class are generally unemployed during the Winter months, and what they have been able to save when they have work, and in cases where they have been improvident, or have not had employment during the Winter months, very great distress is often experienced by them.

The principal occupations of the women are washing and ironing—for which they seem to have much aptitude—dressmaking and hairdressing, and a certain number teach in the colored schools. The washerwomen earn, as a class, as low very industriously inclined, and are generally contented with the weekly money they earn. They are very careful of money to keep themselves and their places clean, and get up the linen committed to their charge in a style fully equal to their white competitors, and in strange contrast with the dusky color of their skins.

THEIR CHURCHES AND CHARITIES.

In matters of religion, the great bulk of the colored people may be divided into two sections—Methodists and Baptists. The Methodists comprise nearly two-thirds, and the Baptists about one-third, of the whole population; though there are some Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and Presbyterians. They have two Methodist Episcopalian Churches, each of which has a special section in the cemetery on Cypress Hill for the burial of their people. Zion Church, at the corner of Bleecker and West Tenth streets, of which Rev. WILLIAM P. BUTLER is the pastor, is valued, with the ground on which it stands, at $120,000, and has also real estate belonging to it, in different parts of the City, valued at $100,000 more. There are also two Union Methodist Churches, two Baptist, one Episcopalian, one Presbyterian, and one Methodist Mission. The Roman Catholics are so few in number that they have, as yet, no church of their own, but attend the churches of the whites. The total amount of Church property in this City belonging to the colored people is valued at $400,000.

Their distinctive institutions are alike various and numerous, and appear to be very well supported by their own people. They have six public schools, an Industrial and Educational School of No. 128 Spring-street, which was opened last Summer, and which is daily crowded with pupils of all ages, from 4 to 40 years, only too anxious to learn something and everything; an Orphan Asylum, capable of accommodating 175 boys and girls, the highest number yet reached; and an asylum for aged people, called "The Old Folks' Home," which cost its nearly 70 inmates. They have, moreover, several societies whose objects are relieving the poor, visiting and nursing the sick, burying the dead and protecting strangers. The Society of the Good Samaritan has six lodges and numbers nearly 600 members; the Society of Love and Charity has 100 members. There there is the Society of the Sons of Wesley, 100 members; the Society of Benevolent Society, the Young Men's Benevolent Society, and the Mutual Relief Society. These are all of a benevolent character. But these charitable and benevolent societies are by no means confined to the men. Among the women there are the societies of the Daughters of Bethel, a very wealthy institution, the Daughters of Wesley, The Female Benevolent Society, The Ladies' Mutual Relief, The Ladies' Legal Tribune, The Daughters of Zion, and Sappho's Address Society, numbers from 100 to 200 members each. There are several lodges of colored Freemasons, with 700 members, but they have no connection with similar associations in New-York. The New-York lodges refused admittance to all negroes on the ground of their color, but they engaged in obtaining a Charter direct from the Grand Lodge of England, and are governed by the rules of that Order to this country. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which has four lodges with 300 members, also refuses to admit any from outside the City, but in this City being confined to no color. There are also two Masonic societies, one Ancient Order of Foresters, and one Ancient Order of Druids, in which the colored people are the only members. The Ancient Order of Foresters is a very old institution, and has branches in Europe, and the Ancient Order of Druids is a very old institution, and has branches in Europe, and the Ancient Order of Druids is a very old institution, and has branches in Europe, and the Ancient Order of Druids

but that the Democrats had done their utmost to vote in the Fourth and Sixth Wards of the Presidential election of 1864. They boasted that numbers of large gangs, with their consent, to stand by at the docks and lurkers in the Fay of nearly a month, waiting for the men on which Fern detained him to Washington. The Mayor and Governor of the State. The Keepers, thus acted with the Police Commissioners the City, and submitted the case to Congress, but failed to secure the power of any State Commission or City officials.

BOARDING HOUSES.

The extension of the boarding-houses for sailors are repulsive enough, but one hour explains them thoroughly if we could gain any idea of the terrible character. We found, after several visits with policemen, under a perverse system, that nothing of the real nature of the houses and transactions could be learned in that way. On the first round of visits we were severally mistaken for a health officer, a colporteur and a detective; we were accosted on bonds of a wish to chris- tianize the vessel, or at least "have some tracts paper," as they denominate tracts and Bibles, at another we were offered all the pleasures on emphatic of wine or opposite, and in each case it was intimated that if we would not "come to spend good money we were not welcome." For health officers and detectives they have a wholesome dread. We although determined, in order to see the interior arrangements of the houses, to go in disguise, and succeeded to see the interior of more than one of the establishments where they had not on their best dress.

While very few of the buildings have more than two storeys and basement, they are fitted up to accommodate a great number of persons. Rooms which were originally fifteen or twenty feet square, have been divided into four small, close and dingy, rooms, left their original size, are crowded with beds and cots enough for twice or thrice the number intended. Often in a room with not more than sufficient ventilation for five, eight and ten persons are stowed away in beds whose linens are dense with filth and alive with vermin. Innocent of carpet or oil-cloth, barren of curtains or mirrors, they resemble dungeons or prisons of a prison cell. In each of the several bedrooms which we saw there was discovered one decoration—a cheap print of some Catholic saint or of the Virgin, before which the inmates of the house daily and nightly repeat numerous prayers. In the dance-room, which is the parlor of the establishment, and to which all visitors "who," as one of the most notorious of the keepers expressed it, "come to spend greenbacks are welcome," the only piece of furniture are a rude bench extending around the room, and a table which is at once the platform on which the musician is elevated and the liquor entered by the dancers is deposited. The music and the liquors are equally indifferent; the only worse thing to be found in such houses is—character. There is no company's man which will illustrate the quality of the latter. The proprietors are of that class with whom the law is always pursuing but never catches; burglars and murderers at least denied by a moral fact nature the humanity, or courage to pursue those callings. Their runners or footers, as they are called, are those who have been driven from every respectable employment or the commission of every species of petty crime. The women are old and faded creatures—most pitiful and unsightly wretches—whom lack of virtue and love of liquor have united to degrade to the lowest depths of humanity. The runner, if found without employment and money, would be arrested as a vagrant; the women, who have are shameless in their exposure of themselves, would be arrested in any house which had not the sanction of the Police Commissioners as a protection. The landlords are proportionally hypocritical, careful to give the law no hold upon them. For the more open and bold robberies they commit, the women pay the penalty if any is enacted; the actual thief, the hypocritical landlord, appears in Court to thank the Judge for punishing the thief and recounting the character of his house.

HOW SAILORS ARE BROUGHT.

The means by which sailors are lured to these dens are as various as the dangers. When a vessel returning from a long voyage enters the Lower Bay, the Sailors' Home Commissioners, authorized by agreement to New-York for the benefit of four classes—the Quarantine officer, active to discover disease; the Customs Inspector, eager to detect smuggling; citizen sailors ready to welcome friends, and boarding runners to decoy sailors to their masters' dens. The Quarantine officer begin their examination in the Lower Bay until the inspection of the Customs officers is finished at the dock, so that persons from the Government officers and pilot shall board a vessel entering the harbor. The New-York State law of 1862, alluded to as having been passed for the better protection of the seamen in this port, especially prohibits owners of seamen's boarding-houses from boarding a ship before she has been made fast to the wharf, and yet these without leave in writing from her owners or agents, or without a badge distinctive sailing and giving him a designated number by which he may be known. In the enforcement of this special regulation and the law, respectable citizens are forbidden to communicate with their friends; an iron railing or wooden gate prevents persons from exchanging hospitable salutations, even hand-shaking through the bars is prohibited, but through this expiration of effective the Government may be satisfied; by a smuggling operation. But while State laws and Treasury regulations are strictly enforced against respectable citizens because of knowingly violating them, they are dead letters to the combined rascals known as footers and who are known to be hanged with the smugglers. The footers are permitted to board—or rather they are not prevented from boarding any vessel at any hour they choose, in open defiance of the law; and members of them from their stations on Staten Island, Rock in boarding ships when at Quarantine, anchoring, or immediately after entering the Narrows. In the attempts to prevent their coming and going at pleasure. They have no fear of the Police; sailors as the smugglers have, and to all appearance the cutters have no eye for the footers as they hate for the professional sharpers. Few Captains of ships have the moral courage to forbid them from boarding their vessels.

"Because the law will not protect the Captain in the performance of his duty," was the answer. "If I attempted to enforce it on my ship, I should have to field not only the runners but the crew. After a long voyage, the sailor becomes very importunate when he gets in sight of port; and to order off those men who come as the friends of the crew—they are not always very good friends, but they are often the only ones who do use to meet the sailors—would be to encourage the mutiny. Then I should have the footers to fight the moment I landed, and I doubt if a Captain's life would be safe if he attended them. I do know, however, that if I was to resume discipline and intention to prohibit runners from boarding my ship, I would very probably not have a ship long. My owners would have to discharge me as a sore of Jonah. So furnishes in the combination among the runners, the boarding masters and shipping masters, that if I were to offend one class of them they could prevent me from getting a crew, and my ship would have to lie idle until my owners dismissed me and got a more pliable Captain."

Once on board the ship the footer are permitted to mingle freely with the crew, and to express themselves in the most friendly language. The money are generally employed for their immediate comfort; for this is an expression of this quality, being an English slang phrase for a "good fellow;" and is one of praise given by the employers rather than of reproach bestowed by the victim. Then offer the great chief services and will to attending their boarding houses, but in pushing their early discharge and immediate payment of their wages. The dark side of the picture is that does not stay to think of—if he does contemplate it it is dismissed from his mind as unavoidable, and he makes the best of the hard fate before him. Money he knows he must have to live elsewhere; money he must have to supply his brothers sisters and the mother's friendly letter of a home, sometimes money were demanded for power for power. Thus the sailor is the tribe a helpless victim from the hands of the land-sharks. He is much pitied by the town of Hell. The Sky-Scraper consider the ship owners as only the same the same as the primary cause. River owner of the sailor's wretched lodging. No other class of humanity is imposed on in this way, by the law; and if in the existence of this evil the representatives of other provinces to be published not, which make the United States the crowning country of the sailor.

The moment the footpiece of the ship is hauled off, with a shout of glee Jack enters into the bondage of land-sharks. If he could foresee the fate before him he would leave the ship with a clack of gain. The freedom of the boarding-house is for more hurtful than the slavery of the ship. Where he reaches the boarding-house he is in daily danger lest the money he has done in his toil, will shoot. If his ship anchors in the stream he is charged from Gotham for the hire of the small-boat which carries him and his best school; the Gotham fare is added for the fee of the runner who carried him to the house. His name is entered in the books of the landlord only that he may be charged with these amounts, and one other—the sum of his boarding expenses. If in the six he pays for accustomed to the house. The moment he enters a house the sailor, in accordance with an established custom, "stands treat" for all present. "Come up, gentlemen," exclaims the landlord, "and drink Jack's health; stand to, 'stands treat!'" And the cost of the liquors for the men present and for all the women in the house, is added to the indebtedness of the sailor.

Thus, before he is fairly installed in his new quarters, he is heavily in debt—fast in bondage. To obtain a meal, a bed, or money, Jack must submit to these charges, and not only place his box of clothing, &c., in the hands of the landlord, but he is often compelled to give the ample security of a written order or power of attorney to the landlord to collect his pay. From this time forward, he is the slave of the landlord, and cannot, if any chance, get away from his prison-house, while his money lasts. We learned of instances where the wily landlord had collected, but never admitted the receipt of the sailor's pay until it was spent; and all the time that it lasted, he was advancing the sailor small sums out of his own money, and charging heavy interest. As a general thing, sailors draw their own pay, but the landlord to whom he is indebted, stands by to secure his claim; and in nine-nine cases out of a hundred, the whole sum passes into the landlord's hands. And never leaves it; all is absorbed in board and disgustion. Frequently sailors land at this port after long voyages with from $100 to $200 due them, and if they fall into the hands of the land-sharks they are not only not allowed to see it except as the landlords choose to advance it in driblets, but they are actually prevented from shipping again until the whole of it is spent. They may not remain in port a week,—often the demand for crews is so great that great seamen remain on shore but a few days,—still they find the balance at the landlord's is against them; the whole sum due him is declared absorbed by board and exorbitant charges for board. Often the landlord's charges for a week exceed the earnings, of a cruise; and the sailor goes on pennyless on board his new ship as he was when he came from his last.

Many of these poor fellows returning from a long cruise to the East Indies leave the ship and follow the runner to a boarding-house, with the intention of remaining until their wages are paid—two or three days is the furthest they emphatically believe,—when they propose to go to their homes to visit parents or wives. But even under the influence of the boarding-house the sailor never escapes the bondage; he leaves his due only for the forecastle of a new ship, and instead of visiting home and relations he finds himself on a cruise shipped to mind only strangers. Often, sailors who have been first twenty quite distant reach this port after a six months' cruise, remain a week and depart without seeing or hearing from or writing to home. The sum of the landlord is in error, as far as possible, all hope lies of the sailor; he destroys thereby an influence which leaves his victim more helpless than ever. Many of the sailors—probably a majority of them—are from the Eastern dominions. The sun has a strange fascination for those who have never seen it, and it is almost invariably the country that when an army is between sailors. They the become separated by a great distance from their relatives, and often the ties of consanguinity are wholly severed.

Any one familiar with the criminal records of this city will see following well known instances of shipped outcastes found in these localities. The railway station is a favorite hunting-ground of the Police and Detectives. But though many are arrested here, great numbers escape through the agency of the footpiece, being shipped by them as sailors. Their booty, too, is often sent to their places for disposition as to an aunt abroad. During the war hundreds of runaways thronged to desert the army, and were shipped by the footpiece without knowing any part of a sailor's duty.

In the same manner important witnesses in important litigations involving large sums of money, and sometimes life are spirited away and indefinitely detained in the East Indies or Europe.

A SPECIMEN OUTRAGE.

One of the most common, and painful frauds perpetrated by the "land-sharks," and one which is an outrage on the sailor and damaging to the marine service, is that of inducing foreign sailors to desert their ships. This they are sometimes induced to do and enter boarding-houses in this port, even when they know that they will lose what wages are due them. English sailors who ship from London or Liverpool, and receive, as is of general customary, one month's pay in advance, have very little due them on arrival here. They are induced to forfeit this, break their contracts and desert their ship on representations by the landlords that she demand for seamen is great, advances large and shipping brisk. They desert, and enter a boarding-house. "I have had 'em sent my men off the ship at night," said an English captain in explaining how this fraud was perpetrated. Once in the hands of the landlord they are kept if they have any money until it is absorbed, and then, allowed to ship, are robbed of the advance wages paid them. Of course, seamen who can be induced to do this are worthless characters, who disgrace the navy into which they enter. The English laws guard against this fraud by requiring each sailor in shipping to produce his certified discharge from the last ship he served in. The United States has no such safeguard, and the consequence is that the merchant marine receives the deserters of the British merchant service. In being thus defrauded, the sailor not only loses the wages due by his foreign employer, and is robbed of the advance paid when he is re-shipped on an American vessel, but he forfeits his nationality and the protection of his flag, and gets no protection from that under which he sailors, for the reason that it expends none.

The maritime laws of most countries forbid the discharge of a sailor in any foreign port. An American expects engaging a crew in New-York, cannot legally discharge his men on arrival in Europe or New-Orleans, but must retain their services until he returns to New-York. But often our captains abroad, and foreign capitalists here, when they see to remain in port for some weeks, evade the law, and by collusion with the boarding-house keepers induce or compelling them to do hard and useless labor, and ill-treating them. Offence it is by outdoor, among with the landlords, or some one of the numerous lawyers who prowl in look after the interests of sailors.

The swindle is sometimes practiced by American captains with American sailors in foreign ports. The landlords have agents dispatched to give drinking that they will return each to the shipped to the port from which he sailed, but he may, with the consent of the sailor and approval of the United States Consul, discharge a seaman abroad on paying his two months' extra pay and donating one month's pay to the fund for aiding destitute sailors, which the Government contributes to their port. By collusion, however, with the shipping masters in American ports, seamen are induced to sign articles for a voyage, or to go to other port than that agreed upon. When the arrives and the sailor has discharge, the sailor is told that he is bound by his articles to go to other and distant ports. The captain, surrounded, a willingness to accompany, and offers to release the sailor on the forfeiture of the wages due him. In all cases he is taken to the Consul's office, and is made to pay of one month's pay as forfeit and the two months' wages which the law requires the Captain thus blackmailing shall pay. The sailor is not the only person thus robbed. The fund for the relief of destitute sailors, or in other words the United States relief fund, to support this fund, is robbed of the one month's wages which the Captain is required to pay.

When the landlord has secured the sailor's case, and has the payment of a goodly portion of his expected advance, he relinquishes him to the shipping masters, much as the carrion of greater size and fewer natures abandon a well-picked carcass to the lower tribe of prey. There are about thirty firms engaged in shipping men in this City, and, leagued with the landlords, they control the important matter of shipping sailors in this port. Their mode of procedure is not so varied, but the fraud as extensive as that of the boarding-house keepers. A Captain, having secured his cargo, goes to a shipping master and states his wants, giving the number of men of the various grades required, and paying a fee of from $1 to $5 per man. The shipping master, armed with this fee, goes to the various boarding-houses in search of seamen. He does not apply directly to the men, but to the keepers of the houses. The latter furnish him a list of those of their boarders who are out of money and in debt, and these only are allowed to ship. Those who have any money have no chance to ship unless the demand for seamen is very heavy. Those who have no money are sent to the shipping masters, who engage them with apparent reluctance on the payment of a fee of from $5 to $10. Then the shipping master draws pay from both ship and crew, and often receives for shipping a crew of twenty men, as much as $200 or $300. The fee on the sailor is paid by deduction from the advance wages; and thus the advance, exacted by custom, in order to secure a good outfit for the seaman, is absorbed by the landsharks, and the sailor goes on board his ship in rags. He begins his new voyage as he came from his last arrive, almost naked and entirely penniless. Thousands of seamen serve that class of all payments, the sea, from year to year, performing the hardest of labor and submitting to the severest and often the most brutal discipline, wasted only by the lowest dissipation, without literally owning a single dollar of their own money.

This infamous American system of shipping, against which the sailors are now "striking," is at the root of all the evil in the service and many of the outrages on the sailor. It forces upon the service men of no moral character and often incompetent masters—even men who are not seamen. When the demand is great, any porter—storekeeper, vagrant, criminal, any one whom the landlords control by fears or through intoxication—is shipped without fear or remorse. It does not matter if the sailor is a cripple or diseased; his moral character is never considered by shipper or owners, and it is thus in the power of the shipping master or landlords, by concerted action, to place any ship in the hands of mutinous scoundrels and incompetents. In brief, the shipping masters are without moral or legal restraint, and are influenced solely and wholly by their own interests.

It is from this life that the sailor seeks redemption. There has never been a more vigorous effort made in his interest than the present one, and we heartily hope to see it succeed. If the sailors can succeed in saving their blood-money, they will have gained by their strike an ample advance in their wages. The shipowners who aid them in their strike will not only be enabled to get sailors at cheaper rates, but also improve the condition of their crews.

Doubtful as to the social and industrial condition of the sailors in this port, that of the labors and observations in representation to us as even worse. An account of their condition will soon be given.

CHINA NEWS.

Extracts from the Pekin Gazette.

If we wish to become well acquainted with any people, we must study their newspapers. What a transcript of French life we have in the Parliament and Paris! The Chinese have no such popular periodicals to offer us. Possessing the art of printing from an early age, they are far in the rear of other nations as regards the liberty of the Press. Newspapers among them can scarcely be said to exist—the only representative of the class, with the exception of a few sheets published by clerks of the open press, being an official gazette issued at Pekin.

Somewhat resembling our Congressional Globe, it professes to be a record of the proceedings of the Government and a repository of State papers rather than a magazine of general intelligence. But it possesses a value quite distinct from the news it may happen to contain; for there is not a page of it that does not throw light on some feature of the Government or characteristic of the people. We have selected a file and give our readers a few specimens. The following items are taken from the Gazette of Nov. 12 and 13:

REFORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The Censor Tuan, on his knee, presents a memorial, stating that the Gentlemen of literary grades are disregarded and the public service dull by the exigencies of the Rebellion (some twenty years ago) it had been customary to confer official rank as a reward for pecuniary contributions. And to such a length has this usage proceeded, that one who, by a contribution of money, has without any examination, obtained a rank, and, when he comes to office, finds himself in a position, obtain the post of Tch'i-hsien or Mayor. Thus shopkeepers and publicans become raised up with the educated Mandarins.

Now, these Sub-Prefects and Mayors are the very officers who come most directly into contact with the people; them, consequently, on whom the peace and prosperity of the empire depend more than on any other. At a time like this, when the wounds of the State are yet bleeding, when the people are struggling painfully yet hardly equal to the duties of such a post, what can be expect from these shopkeepers and publicans? The writing of Confucius and Mencius cannot cure of incapacity or vulgarity, and the interests of the public be sacrificed to pecuniary gain.

I humbly request that Your Majesty command the Provincial Viceroys to select the class of officials to a public examination, requiring each person, as a test of ability, to pass two lines of verse, or a piece of writing. If they are found duly learned, let them be appointed to office, rather than merely the empty decorations of their ranks.

The plan is adopted, and the paper given to the public by imperial order, as expressing the views of the Government.

To us it is further interesting as bringing to view those circumstances in connection with the Chinese Government, viz.: the indifference of the executive in correcting abuses; the literary culture required by law as a preparation for the civil service; and lastly, the corruption of that admirable system in consequence of the recent financial distresses of the Government.

THE SOUTH KINGDOM OF THE CAPITAL.

The Prefect of Pekin and others report to the Throne on the administration of one of the imperial stations, viz., a camp station, called the Hall of Beauty, to which the Emperor had made a donation of the sum of million. There are many such establishments in Pekin and other large cities, which are endowed partly by the Government and partly by private charity. They are kept open only during the Winter months, and are the means of preserving many lives.

REDUCE TO THOSE WHO DIE FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

A censor requests the Emperor to confer some posthumous distinction on a Lieutenant-Colonel, who fell fighting the Mohammedan rebels. His wife, hearing that the city was taken, strangled her two daughters and a concubine of the first head to avoid to pollute, and then and poisoned herself.

The memorial prays that the names of these unfortunate females may also be included in the roll of honor. Such cases of suicide are of frequent occurrence. Where war is still waged with all the bitterness of the rebellion, suicide is woman's only refuge from dishonor.

SACRIFICE TO THE MANES OF A PRINCE.

Ecning, a cousin of the Emperor, reports that

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

LIMA, PERU, S. A., FRIDAY, Jan. 28, 1869.

Considerable political agitation has agitated the minds of the people and government of Peru and its Ministers since we last wrote you. There strongly concentrated in a previous letter that there was great dissatisfaction over the resignation of Mr. Gonzales Calderon, the Minister of Finance and Commerce, and the appointment of Mr. HARRISCHEGA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to fill the place inappropriately. On the 21 of January the Chamber of Deputies met to slightly confirm, and passed a vote of censure against Dr. HARRISCHEGA.

All this concern was introduced upon the weekly Doctor, because of the debate upon the consular bill, and the Home Rule. The conduct of that day had brought to some very hard expressions from the Ministry of Finance, and the Chamber of Deputies Congress passed a vote of censure, indirectly, jointly that Dr. HARRISCHEGA had "not only been found wanting in the consideration due to Congress, but had violated the most trivial rules of urbanity and courtesy." Dr. HARRISCHEGA, although fully competent to fill the position of Minister, will no longer continue in the Cabinet, after this public censure from the Chamber of Deputies. President PAEZA has therefore named to the new Minister, Mr. NICHOLAS PIEROLA, and the appointment has made the greatest great surprise and talk in public, at Mr. PIEROLA is an opposure and almost unknown young man, living entirely retired from all public life. But he possesses an unblemished reputation, considerable talent and enlightened patriotism, and if he is not soon spoiled by being thus brought before the public in so important a position, he will, probably, do better than many other candidates who are anxious to fill the position.

One of the first acts of Mr. PIEROLA was to present himself to the Chamber of Deputies, and tell them of the "predominant necessity Peru has to raise its credit." Peru is in a state of bankruptcy. Yet, Peru has immense treasures if no credit, and the new Minister thinks it can enough to create credit, if Congress and Government will only agree upon the means.

President PAEZA has appointed Commissioners, Capt. DEZEMAR, Mr. CASTELLO, and Engineer JOSE RIDDLES to inspect and report upon the opening of the new islands and beds of guano deposit, to the north and south of Lima. The islands to the north of Lima reported as containing guano, are called Guanape, Vinda Tortiget, Osmo, Blanco, Carrobeda, De La Vinda, De Chao, and Pasto. Two small bays, called Los Chinos and Samanos, Mar Brava, Chimbote, and two small plates called Tegeda and Santa, where the guano is more than a league in length, and of great strength and purity. At the south of Lima the islands are still more numerous containing guano deposit. These islands are called Asia, Ilasca, Bellestas, San Gayan, Zarate Morro de Carrotal, Island and Morro de Vieiez, San Nicolas, Lomas, Lobos, Afica, Pescadores, Ocona, Corncloc, Capilla, Cazarrovos, Mejillones, Coloque, Pajaros, and many ravines, extending into the interior of the country, contain guano in smaller and larger quantities, mixed with chlorides of soda and potash, carbonates and nitrates. The ravines of Loloo, Culata, Sacramento, Animes, Motilla, Guajes, Colorado, Chapanada and Pica, also contain pure guano deposits, covered by a thick coating of white sand. On the southern limit of the ravine of Pica and Bolivia there are found immense beds of guano, and on eleven other smaller islands, bordering on Peru, so that contractors on contracts will not find the guano beds exhausted in Peru, if indeed, as some actually affirm, the whole sub-strata is not itself one vast guano bed.

EXPLORATIONS OF THE AMAZON.

An interesting letter has been received by Congress from Mr. JUAN TUCKER, President of the Hydrographic Commission, sent out during President PRADO's administration to explore all the tributary rivers leading into the Amazon. This letter is dated Nov. 15, and is highly interesting. They ascended the river Ucayali through regions entirely unknown, and they prove, beyond a doubt, that the River Ucayali is the true source of the Amazon, and that the Ucayali can be navigated in any season by large vessels, thus opening up the immense wealth of that hitherto unexplored country. The steamer Napo, which was the only one they had with them, being of small force and not sufficiently powerful machinery to overcome the heavy current, five miles only being the greatest distance to could proceed up the River Yamito. The letter also states that it is impossible to estimate the number of Indians that inhabit these unexplored regions, but that they are inoffensive and undemonstrative, and that the traffic carried on by them is very great. The principal articles of commerce on the lower Ucayali are fish, lard and river turtle, salt, lard, gums, and oil of copaiba. The temperature is very pleasant, agreeable and cool, as in Peru. In conclusion, Mr. TUCKER asks Government for a steamer of larger build and draft, to explore still further the richest opening up in this unknown country. The Government will, no doubt, immediately authorize such a steamer to be procured, and Prof. TUCKER possesses the navigation of these rivers to the very first of the Eastern cities. The advantages that Government will derive, as soon as this important discovery is completed, are incalculable. I wonder Yankee enterprise has not made these discoveries long ago.

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

Since my last letter of the 14th, in which I mentioned some quite heavy earthquake shocks in Callao, there has been new vibrations of heavy shocks at Arica, on the 16th and 17th, and slight ones almost daily, followed by a succession of earthquake waves. On the 9th inst., also, the heavy lateral motion was almost as severe as on the 13th of August, and during the entire night the sea rose and fell rapidly about three feet in succession.

SMALL POX AND YELLOW FEVER.

Small pox is raging fearfully in Arequipa, and is extending to Lima. A few cases are reported in Callao also. The yellow fever at Panama is spreading with frightful rapidity. Out of twelve hundred inhabitants, says the Mercurio of Tarapaca, only two hundred remain. All are fleeing to the interior who can get away, and the persons have already died up to the 20th of the month. Commerce is entirely and totally paralyzed. There are no laborers left to load the vessels lying in port, and no drivers left to drive the mules to the mines to bring down the silver. The yellow fever has broken out at Islay also, but at Lima there is not much cause for fear. The bathing places, however, are generally crowded, and the city is pretty quiet and deserted, by the fair sex and children in particular.

WOMAN'S IN BRAZIL.

The grand event of Callao has been the arrival and departure of the Chilian Squadron, consisting of three was corvettes under Admiral BLANCO ENCALADA, the rule of the war of independence, and accompanied by a brilliant staff of military and civil officers. They came to Lima for the purpose of conveying back to Chili the remains of Captain-General O'HIGGINS, who was formerly President of Chili, and one of the most distinguished personages of the War of Chilian Independence. His, like many exciting been so much loved patriot, was called, died, and was buried in Lima. His remains being embalmed with great pomp and parade, were taken in an elegant funeral car to the Church of San Francisco, and after the most elaborate ceremonies and eulogies, the remains were conveyed on board the Corvettes Esmeralda Independencia, and taken for interment to Valparaiso.

SPECTACLE OF A BARGE OF GUANO.

Great excitement was created in Lima, Jan. 14, by the arrival of Sailor CHIRIA, Owner of the barge Cagatua, which left Callao Jan. 12, 1869, with a crew and a cargo of guano, bound to Europe. Singular enough, shortly after leaving the coast, Mr. CHIRIA received on the Steamer from Panama, and without the most careful accounts of the loss of his barge, the cookery of the cooking on board, murder of the Captain, Crew and passed mate and mutiny crew and his own horrible sufferings. The crew were tied by a hawser to a cliff-guano on one and thrown overboard, the mate on the wheel and second mate having been murdered

THE LAST DISASTER.

A Graphic Description of the Burning of the Steamer Lady Pike.

From the Memphis (Tenn.) Avalanche, Feb. 16.

The Steamer Lady Pike, Capt. H. Lyon, Dunbar Blank Clerk, left this port for Jackson on Thursday, the 11th, at 5 o'clock P. M., with over 100 passengers, and a cargo of cotton, tobacco and other merchandise, and 10 o'clock at night, the boat was thought, was opposite, about two and a half miles below Randolph, in Leading in Cobbs lake, when Mr. Brewster consulted to Mr. Lyon, the Captain, that he smelled some thing burning, and on the boat noticed some sparks from the pay on the forward side. The pilot was at once given, the forward for the boat and the engineer was signaled to stop. The pilot was at once given, the forward for the boat, arrived the boat,

THE CABINET.

Further Speculations in Regard to Gen. Grant's Advisers.

The President-Elect Besieged by a Southern Delegation.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow Supposed to be the Coming Pennsylvanian.

Massachusetts to be Represented by Ex-Gov. Clifford.

Some Indications of Gen. Grant's Foreign Policy.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 27, 1869.

It is not improbable that the fortunate man from Pennsylvania whose selection as a member of the Cabinet of Gen. GRANT is to surprise himself as well as the party leaders from his State, may yet prove to be Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW. Gen. CAMERON and Gov. CURTIN have each been claiming, through their agents and friends, to be the influential leaders of the most powerful faction of the Republican Party in Pennsylvania, and insisting, in view of what they did in the late canvass to carry the State for Gen. GRANT, on the right to dictate the distribution of the patronage in that State; but it is positively known here that immediately after the election both Gen. GRANT and Mr. E. B. WASHBURNE expressed the opinion that to the personal exertions of Mr. GROW more than to those of any other man in the State, was it due that Pennsylvania was carried for the Republican Party. It will be remembered that Mr. GROW, though not particularly prominent in the canvass, represented Pennsylvania on the Republican National Committee, which held its meetings in the Fifth-avenue Hotel, New-York, and which silently but vigorously accomplished a great deal of most effective work. At the time alluded to Gen. GRANT and his more immediate political and personal friends named above, undoubtedly gave Mr. GROW the chief credit for the triumph of the party in the doubtful State of Pennsylvania, and there is no reason to think that their opinion has been changed on this point. Gen. GRANT is much more ready and disposed to see and recognize such earnest, quiet and practical efforts as those of the several members of that Committee, than the more noisy but less effective efforts of such leaders as Gov. CURTIN and Mr. CAMERON and—not to be invidious—Mr. MCCLURE. His attention was more particularly directed to Mr. GROW than to any other member of the Committee, on account of the importance of the contest in his State; and those familiar with GRANT's former expression believe he intends to give it a second edition in an improved form by inviting Mr. GROW to the Interior or Postal Department.

It is not to be inferred from what I have said that this appointment is to be Mr. GROW's reward for political services. I do not believe Gen. GRANT would select Mr. GROW, or any other man, for a Cabinet position solely as a reward for the most earnest political efforts, any more than he would select an officer of the army for a large and important command for other than purely military reasons. This is coming to be generally understood here, and, coupled with the further understanding that Gen. GRANT does not consider that the qualifications of a successful State politician are the only requisites of a national statesman, gives great trouble to those who have come backed only by State political influence. They begin to understand, too, that he does not believe that the unity and strength of a national party is best sustained by absorbing all the weak with the few strong elements of the various State organizations; but, on the contrary, that the latter prosper when the national party is vigorous, and that that party is strongest which administers the Government with the most purity, and for the greatest good of the whole people. The old politicians say that he cannot preserve the party by any such policy, and I have heard more than one of the disappointed ones say that defeat in the State elections and in 1872 is inevitable if GRANT "doesn't take care of the party." They are already looking forward that distance. Gen. GRANT, during his whole career as a soldier, let promotion take care of itself. He asked none of the advancements which he received. He felt, and acted on the conviction, that the surest road to promotion was in the faithful discharge of present duty. President GRANT, during his whole career as statesman, will just as certainly let party take care of itself, satisfied that the surest way for a party to retain the rule of a nation is to rule it well. He will not seek to organize the party that it may rule, but rather to strengthen the country, that in the future it may desire to be ruled by his party. It is this conviction dawning on their minds which so terribly paralyzes the professional politicians here.

One reason cited by Gen. GRANT for refusing to disclose the name of his Cabinet before his inauguration is not a little curious; and though the fact stated has been suspected, I do not believe it has ever been published. He said, a few days ago, in explanation of his reasons for keeping his Cabinet a secret, that few of the Presidents who had done otherwise had been successful in forming their Cabinets as they desired, and cited among others Mr. LINCOLN, declaring that, of the original Cabinet list prepared by him in 1861, only two were permitted to take their portfolios. All the rest were dictated to him by party leaders and interests. He did not explain how he had come into possession of this fact, but simply stated it as a fact by which he had taken warning.

GEN. GRANT'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Gen. GRANT has on more than one occasion lately made some important declarations in regard to the future policy of the Government in regard to the *Alabama* claims. His opinion on this subject has been before stated in general terms, and it has been known for some time that he does not approve of the Johnson treaty now before the Senate. His objections to it are based on the ground that the treaty negotiated by Mr. JOHNSON reduces the questions at issue between England and the United States to a mere matter of dollars and cents, and ignores entirely the grave international and moral questions involved. These ignored aspects of the case, involving as they do the honor of the United States, the future peace of the two countries, and the prosperity of the material interests so seriously affected by the English violations of international law, are, in Gen. GRANT's opinion, more important than the financial considerations.

This opinion, as I said before, has been freely expressed by the General and widely published, but in conversation lately with a fellow officer of the army he alluded to the subject in such a way as to leave the impression that at an early day, after his inauguration, he will press the matter to a conclusion, and while not forgetting the financial claim, he will as strenuously insist on the proper settlement of the legal questions involved, not forgetting the honor of the nation. In other words England will have to apologize as well as pay. This part of the conversation was originated by a reference to a telegram published that morning to the effect that the London *Times* had expressed the opinion that if the Johnson-Clarendon treaty was rejected by the United States, England would make no further advances toward a settlement. During the same conversation, but on the subject of reconstruction, expression was given to the idea that "reconstruction being practically settled, society in the South would soon resume its old status of good feeling and fellowship, and old issues would be forgotten in the more absorbing ones of the *Alabama* claims, Cuban annexation, &c." There is little doubt that a new policy in regard to these claims will prevail under the next Administration, and that it will be acted upon at once. It may not be as discreet and wise as that now being pursued, but it will certainly be more in accord with public feeling in the matter.

Among other prompt and positive actions of the new President, on his induction into office, will be the recall of Gen. ROSECRANS from Mexico.

THE LOUISIANA ELECTION CASES.

There was an apparent disposition on the part of the House to-day to swear in J. WILLIS MENARD, the mulatto member from Louisiana, during the discussion of the contesting claims; but the speech of Mr. SHELLABARGER, of Ohio, dissipated all idea of it, if, indeed, there was any, for some believe that members of the more radical members advocated his admission for the sake of consistency, without desiring to see it. It was observed that Mr. SHELLABARGER's speech was made very shortly after Gen. GRANT came on the floor of the House, and this gave rise to a rumor that he had inspired it. Mr. SHELLABARGER was listened to very attentively, and from the moment that he explained that the temporary admission of Mr. MENARD would leave the door open to the Louisiana delegation to the Forty-first Congress elected in November, MENARD's chances grew very slim. It is known that the President-elect—the best-informed man in Washington on the subject of reconstruction—looks upon the Louisiana election of Nov. 3 as invalid—a monstrous fraud. This knowledge, added to the fact of his opportune appearance in the House, confirmed people in the idea that he had inspired Mr. SHELLABARGER's speech; but it is probably not the case, as Mr. SHELLABARGER has long been fully alive to the character of the Louisiana election, and strongly opposed to the admission of the delegation from that State to the Forty-first Congress. I imagine that there is no chance for them to get in. The Georgia delegation may yet be unseated also, though Gen. GRANT is said to look upon their election as legal, and to have urged Mr. BOUTWELL, who has their case in hand, not to press their expulsion. Gen. GRANT is not in favor of undoing any part of the work of reconstruction, and it is for this reason that he contemplates, as you have been advised, the prompt return of REYNOLDS to TEXAS and SICKLES to South Carolina. S.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 1.

VISITORS TO ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

The number of visitors at Gen. GRANT's headquarters, this morning, was larger than ever before, a continual stream passing in and out from 10 until 12 o'clock. Lieut.-Gen. SHERMAN arrived at the office about 10 o'clock, and was with Gen. GRANT all of the forenoon.

A Southern delegation of Representatives in Congress, consisting of Messrs. B. F. WHITTEMORE, of South Carolina; MCKEE, of Kentucky; KELLOW, of Alabama; KITCHEN, of West Virginia; BLACKBURN, of Louisiana; BOYDEN, of North Carolina; HAMILTON, of Florida; BOLES, of Arkansas, and ARNELL, of Tennessee, had an interview with the General shortly after 10. The Chairman of the delegation, Mr. WHITTEMORE, stated that they had called to make known to the General the confidence of the loyal people of the South in his Administration, and to acquaint him with the condition of affairs and wants of the people in those States, and their indulgence of the hope that their section would be remembered by him in the selection of his Cabinet. Gen. GRANT, in his reply, stated that he was glad to receive them, and assured them that under his Administration he would endeavor to have affairs satisfactorily conducted in the South, but gave no intimation as to what his intention was in reference to a member of the Cabinet from that section. He stated that military matters in the South would be changed, and commanders assigned to duty there who were in sympathy with the Administration. The members of the delegation then spoke of Messrs. CRESWELL of Maryland, and MAYNARD of Tennessee, as suitable persons for Cabinet positions, but distinctly stated to the General that it was not their intention to dictate to him in regard to selections for his Cabinet, but merely to suggest the names of persons who would be acceptable as Southern Republicans.

Next came a Missouri delegation, headed by Gen. R. T. VAN HORN, Col. GEO. W. ANDERSON, Gen. PILE and Mr. STOVER, Representatives in Congress, with a number of prominent Missourians, who called to pay their respects to Gen. GRANT, and were cordially received. Among the other visitors were Senators elect HAMLIN of Maine, and BOREMAN of West Virginia, and JOSHUA HILL of Georgia, Senators STEWART and NYE, and GEORGE C. GORHAM, Esq., Gens. SICKLES, HARNEY and J. J. REYNOLDS, Senator WARNER, with a delegation of Alabamians, Senator CATTELL, J. A. KENNEDY, Esq., Superintendent of Police, New-York, Hon. J. H. KETCHAM, Bishop SIMPSON, Judge MCKINSTRY, and a number of Ministers who are in the city to attend the Conference which meets here on Wednesday.

CALEB CUSHING to-day expressed the opinion that Judge JOHN H. CLIFFORD, of Massachusetts, would enter the Cabinet as Attorney-General. CUSHING and CLIFFORD are intimate friends, and he probably bases his opinion on the facts that when GRANT went to Boston CLIFFORD received him as Chairman of the State Electors, escorted him to Harvard as President of the Board of Overseers of the College, and finally bowed him out as President of the Boston and Providence Railroad. Added to these is the fact that CLIFFORD was Governor of Massachusetts and a fellow member of the Peabody Fund Trustees.

A prominent gentleman who spent an hour with Gen. GRANT to-day, says that he learned nothing in regard to the Cabinet, except negatively, and he hazards a guess that there will be nobody in the Cabinet from Ohio, nor from the Pacific Coast, nor from the South.

INAUGURATION VISITORS.

Inauguration week has opened with a presage of great crowds to follow. The arrivals since Saturday have been very large, and the search for lodgings is vigorous and well nigh unavailing, the hotels are all crowded to their utmost capacity, and refuse to expand under the pressure. The influx of strangers was nowhere more perceptible than at the Capitol, whither thousands wended their way at an early hour, enjoying the bracing air and general sunshine of the frosty March morning as they climbed the solid stone steps of the western approaches. They strolled through the great Rotunda in mute astonishment at its wonderful architecture; they filled the corridors with a whirl of eager pursuit, and a rustle of rich costumes. They crowded the galleries at either end in search of legislative dignity and prominent men, and leveled their glasses mistakenly at the small men for the great ones. To-night the pressure is increased, and rooms have gone up to fabulous prices, sleeping apartments of indifferent character within two squares of Willard's commanding from four to eight dollars per day. The number of people here promises to be equal to that of 1861, and far in excess of 1865. Carpenters and laborers were busy to-day in the erection of a platform extending over the steps leading to the main entrance of the Capitol on the east side, for the purpose of accommodating Judges of the Supreme Court, Senators, Representatives and others on the day of inauguration; it will be much larger than the one constructed when Mr. LINCOLN was first inaugurated, and in all probability there will be barely room enough for those who are legally entitled to be present.

THE PUBLIC CREDIT BILL.

The Public Credit bill came to the House this morning and went to the Speaker's table. Gen. SCHENCK intimated his intention of moving tomorrow a non-concurrence in the Senate's amendments, for the purpose of asking a Committee of Conference. There is a very general confidence in its ultimate passage, caused in a great measure by the beneficial effect which the measure has already exercised upon the public credit. Its passage will be promptly supplemented on Thursday by Gen. GRANT's inaugural address, which will reinforce the purpose of the bill in terms not to be misunderstood. On no subject will Gen. GRANT speak plainer than on the duty of maintaining the plighted faith of the Government under all circumstances. This assurance he gives without reservation.

GEN. SHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Lieut.-Gen. SHERMAN will succeed to the command of the army without any of the staff concomitants, save his personal aids, Col. DAYTON, Major AUDENRIED and Capt. MCCOY. The Lieutenant-General says he will endeavor to administer army affairs on the principle of retrenchment and economy, indicated by the action of Congress. He has been formally notified by the Committee in charge of the purchase of Gen. GRANT's house for presentation to him.

THE COMMITTEES ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate have finished up all the business before them, and will transact no further business this session.

STATUS OF THE GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVES.

The status of the Georgia Representatives elect to the Forty-first Congress is as follows: The Constitutional Convention passed an ordinance providing for an election of members of Congress for both the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses at the same time. The same candidates were voted for on both tickets. This was done because it was not certain at the time the ordinance was passed that Georgia would be admitted during the term of the Fortieth Congress, but the question has arisen that there was no power either in law or in the Constitution which would warrant the choosing two sets of members at one election. The credentials, I learn, have very recently been received, but I believe the Clerk still adheres to his determination not to put them on the roll for the reasons above stated. All that Gov. BOUTWELL said to Gen. GRANT on Saturday on this subject was to the effect that the Reconstruction Committee had abandoned action for this session.

CRUSH OF BUSINESS IN BOTH HOUSES.

The state of public business in the two Houses is very critical. Besides the Indian Appropriation bill, the probable failure of which is elsewhere alluded to, there are 120 bills on the Speaker's table. Of these the Bank bill, which is back from the Senate with amendments, will undoubtedly fail. A motion for a Conference Committee on this bill has already been defeated.

The Senate have still to act on four of the most important Appropriation bills, and yet they wasted this entire day in discussing questions of order, and a Massachusetts claim over twenty years old. At this rate it is not possible they can get through by noon of Thursday.

The House spent the whole day on the Miscellaneous bill, and finished it at a late hour. This body is much in advance of the Senate, which seems to think there is nothing to do but talk. The Army Appropriation bill was the principal measure before the Senate to-day, but very little progress was made on it. The greater part of the day and night session was consumed on the amendment offered by Mr. SUMNER to pay to the State of Massachusetts the interest on certain war claims, dating back to 1813-15, which amounted to over $700,000. The principal was paid in 1819, and the claim was for interest to that time.

PRESENTATION OF SENATORIAL CREDENTIALS.

The credentials of Hon. Mr. BAYARD, Senator elect from Delaware, were presented to the Senate to-day by his father. The Senatorship of that State appears to be an heirloom of the BAYARDS, the incoming Senator being the fourth member of the family elected to the Senate. The credentials of Mr. BOREMAN and of Gov. BROWNLOW, Senators elect from West Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, were also presented.

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Senate Finance Committee will, in all probability, hold no more sessions during the present Congress, although they have not yet adjourned *sine die*. The two most important measures before them are the Hooper bill and the Tax bill. A report on the former bill may possibly be presented before the 4th of March, but no action will be taken on the Tax bill.

REPORT ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Mr. SUMNER reported back a large number of bills, resolutions, memorials, &c., to-day, from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, making a clean sweep of almost everything before that body. The St. Thomas Treaty is almost the only important measure now before the Committee, the consideration of which will, of course, go over to the next session of Congress.

THE NEW-YORK ALDERMANIC DELEGATES.

The delegates of the New-York Board of Aldermen arrived this morning, and are the guests of the Metropolitan Hotel, and not of the city as they evidently expected to be. It was expected that Mayor BOWEN would receive them, but he declined on account of ill health. The New-York Aldermen voted to come here to examine the city institutions and buildings, but, as this city has none worth examining, our civic authorities concluded the New-Yorkers intended a joke at their expense, and are snubbing them at a fearful rate.

NEW-YORK WAR CLAIMS.

The New-York delegates to-day presented vouchers against the Government for nearly a million of dollars of unsettled war claims, and the Secretary of War has promised an answer in a day or two. The Aldermen are going to Mount Vernon to-morrow.

THE PACIFIC RAILROADS.

The House proposes to bring the Pacific Railroads up to the mark. A resolution was introduced to-day by Mr. JUDD, of Illinois, directing the President of the United States to require the Union and Central Pacific Railroads, and their branches, to give bonds for the completion of their several roads, and for bringing them up to the standard of efficiency required by law.

CHARGES AGAINST A UNITED STATES CONSUL.

Some merchants in New-York who are importers of hardware from Sheffield, England, made charges to the Secretary of State and to the Secretary of the Treasury to-day, against GEORGE I. ABBOTT, Esq., our Consul at Sheffield, to the effect that he had, through his Vice-Consul, been in the habit of charging two shillings and sixpence sterling on each invoice for verifying the same, in addition to the fee prescribed by law. The action of the Consul has been thoroughly investigated, and is fully sustained by both Departments. The charges made by him and his Vice-Consul as such are all legal and just, and he is complimented for the courteous manner in which he has performed his duties, and the faithful manner in which he has protected the interests of the Government.

THE NEW-YORK POST OFFICE.

The people of New-York will be glad to learn that a beginning has at last been made on the appropriation for the New-York Post Office. During the consideration of the Miscellaneous Appropriation bill in the House to-night, Mr. BROOKS moved an amendment to insert $200,000 for this object. Mr. STEWART stirred up the Republicans to vote for this Democratic amendment, and it was carried. The same amount was appropriated for Boston.

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

It is exceedingly probable that among several important bills that will fail will be the Indian Appropriation bill. The two Houses are wide apart as the poles upon the subject, and there are as yet no signs of their coming together. As the House passed it, the bill contained the sum of $9,500,000. As it comes back from the Senate it appropriates over $5,000,000, the increase being made to carry out certain Indian treaties. As the difference involves the whole question of the Indian policy, on which the two Houses radically disagree, the bill now seems likely to fail altogether.

THE DYER COURT-MARTIAL.

The Dyer Court-martial still goes on from day to day and is likely to continue all through the Summer. Two large volumes of testimony have already been taken, and the accusers have not yet finished their side of the case. Among the witnesses examined within the last few days was Mr. AMES, of Connecticut.

NAVAL NEWS.

The Navy Department is advised of the arrival at Lisbon on the 10th inst. of the United States steamer *Richmond*, nineteen days from Boston. Her passage out was very stormy. The Commander of the *Richmond* says that the weather was the heaviest he had ever experienced at sea. On the fourth day out the ship was struck by lightning, which passed through the deck and distributed itself in the engine-room. The storeship *Guard* is the only American war vessel at Lisbon besides the *Richmond*.

TELEGRAMS.

CUBA.

An Engagement Reported at Cifuentes—The Government Troops Victorious—Spanish Vessels off the Coast.

HAVANA, Monday, March 1.

Gen. PUELLO, with his command, has arrived at Santa Espiritu from Cienfuegos.

The *Diario* reports an engagement between the troops and insurgents at the town of Cifuentes, in which the Government troops were victorious. The same paper states that three hundred rebels have surrendered at Villa Clara.

It seems that Gen. LESCA is advancing into the interior without meeting with much opposition. The rebels expected that he would march by the Sierra de Cubitas, or take the road to Paredes, where they had erected intrenchments, and were ready to oppose his progress; but LESCA unexpectedly took another route, and outwitted the rebel Gen. QUESADA.

The *Diario* asserts that the revolutionary General, NAPOLEON ARINGO, has joined Count VALMASEDA with two thousand men, abandoning the rebellion; and that VALMASEDA, reinforced by a thousand of these men, has set out from Puerto Principe to meet Gen. LESCA, when with their combined forces, they will attack QUESADA.

Four Spanish gunboats are cruising between La Guanaja and Gibara.

The Spanish man-of-war *Guadiana* is watching the movements of the revolutionists in the waters of Nassau.

The United States steamer *Gettysburg* has arrived here.

NEW-ZEALAND.

Sanguinary Reprisals Made on the Natives by the English Troops.

LONDON, Monday, March 1.

The War Office is in receipt of later intelligence from New-Zealand. The British forces there had made reprisals on the natives for the outrages committed at Poverty Bay, during which several villages were destroyed, and ninety of the natives killed and wounded. The British lost only three wounded.

GERMANY.

Grant to Frankfort-on-the-Main.

BERLIN, Monday, March 1.

The proposition to grant the City of Frankfort-on-the-Main 2,000,000 florins has passed the Prussian Diet by a large majority.

FRANCE.

Death of the Poet Lamartine.

PARIS, Monday, March 1.

ALPHONSE DE LAMARTINE, the poet and historian, died to-day in the 79th year of his age.

CANADA.

Great Obstruction to Railroad Traffic by the Snow—An Accident.

OTTAWA, Canada, Monday, March 1.

Four hundred men were at work to-day clearing the snow off the track of the Ottawa and Prescott Railroad from this point. Only four miles of the road had been opened. The track is clear from Prescott to Kemptville. Passengers and mails are conveyed from the latter place to Ottawa in sleighs. No mails have been received from the West since Tuesday last.

It is reported that Hon. Mr. GALT will again take a seat in the Cabinet.

MONTREAL, Monday, March 1.

Railway travel is still obstructed by snow. No trains have left here for the East or West for the past three days. The Arthabaska Railroad is so completely snowed up, that it will be abandoned for the season. In some places the snow lies in drifts nearly thirty feet deep.

The trains to this place from every direction are delayed by the heavy snow. The European mail, due last Friday, will not arrive till to-morrow. Much apprehension exists as to the safety of several of the roofs of large public and private buildings here by reason of the long-continued snow storm.

The Montreal train which left New-York on Friday afternoon was thrown from the track, owing to a defective rail, near Pittsford, Vt., on the Rutland and Burlington Railroad, at 2 A. M. on Saturday. The sleeping-car was hurled down a steep slope some thirty feet, near the banks of the Coter River. The car was wrecked, but no lives were lost, although several passengers were injured. Gen. AVERILL, United States Consul-General to Canada, received some severe cuts and bruises on his head. Lieut. FITZGERALD, of the Rifles, son of the Duke of Cambridge, was also bruised, though not dangerously, and several other passengers were hurt. The passengers on the other cars, under the direction of Gen. AVERILL, who got out through a window, extinguished the fire, which had communicated to some of the cars, with snow, and extricated the passengers within. Gen. AVERILL and the other passengers were delayed on their arrival here till late last night. Numerous prominent citizens called last night and to-day at the Consulate to congratulate the General upon his narrow escape.

Mr. JOHN MCWILLIAMS and Mr. CALDWELL, of New-York, were in the cars when the accident happened, but were uninjured, and were active in affording aid to the other passengers.

TENNESSEE.

Alleged Outrage Upon a Negro Girl by a Militia Soldier—Adjournment of the State Legislature.

NASHVILLE, Monday, March 1.

The *Banner* has a special dispatch to the effect that last Friday night a militiaman of Col. GAMBLE's command, stationed near Pulaski, went to the cabin of a negro, pretending to have orders for his arrest, and sent him off. He then took a daughter of the negro, aged about 12, into the woods and ravished her. The father returned, found his daughter absent, and, with a party of friends, went out in search of her. The militiaman was arrested and placed in charge of a colored guard, to be taken to headquarters. He attempted to escape, when he was shot, beaten with butts of muskets, and left in a dying condition. Col. GAMBLE, on an investigation, justified the negroes.

The Legislature adjourned to-day. The ratification of the amendment to the Constitution goes over until next session.

MEMPHIS, Monday, March 1.

The election regarding the issue of half a million in thirty-year bonds to pay the indebtedness of the city, resulted in favor of issuing the bonds.

De Soto County is now without civil officers, all former incumbents having failed to take the oath required by Gen. GILLEM's order.

Capt. FORD, of the tug *Nellie Jones*, arrested for alleged complicity in the destruction of arms belonging to the State of Arkansas, was released at Little Rock, this morning, on $20,000 bail.

Proceedings in the Louisiana Legislature.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, March 1.

A bill was introduced in the House to-day, passed to a third reading, and engrossed, providing for the issue of five millions thirty-year six per cent. gold bonds, for the payment of which the guarantee of the United States Government is to be obtained. The bonds are to be put on the market and sold, or hypothecated for loans. All the proceeds of such bonds are to be appropriated exclusively for the building and repair of levees and other public works under the control of the Board of Public Works. Payment of the interest and principal is provided for by a special tax, and the proceeds of all swamp lands otherwise undisposed.

A joint resolution ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States passed both Houses to-day.

Trouble Between Revenue Officers in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 1.

D. P. SOUTHWORTH, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the Eastern District, has suspended Assessor JOHN W. FRAZIER, of the First District of Pennsylvania, for alleged neglect of duty, and directed Assistant Assessor H. V. STAFFORD to take charge of the office. It is understood that Assessor FRAZIER refuses to recognize the authority of the Supervisor, and has sent him a letter to that effect, and that he intends to continue to perform the duties of his office.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Indictment of Supervisors at San Francisco—Snow Blockade of the Pacific Railroad—The Congressional Amendment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 28.

The Grand Jury on Saturday indicted four members of the "Committee on Outside Lands" of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, for fraud in connection with the disposal of outside lands belonging to the municipality.

The Union Pacific Railroad is still blockaded with snow for many miles. There have been no trains either way, between Wasseaht and the western terminus of the Union Pacific Road, since the 12th of February. Our latest overland mail advices from New-York are to the 6th of February.

WM. A. BRADLEY, Assistant Surgeon and Brevet Major in the United States Army, died suddenly yesterday, of apoplexy, at Point San Jose.

The Congressional Amendment to the Constitution, allowing universal suffrage, was received at Carson City by telegraph, and submitted to both Houses of the Legislature yesterday, and made the special order for Monday. The ratification of the Amendment is doubtful, as the opinion prevails that it permits Asiatics to become citizens.

Alaska advices are to the 9th of February. Two white men, while on a trading expedition, were killed by Kolkee Indians, near Sitka, in revenge for the death of their friends, who were shot by the sentries at Sitka. The United States steamer *Saginaw*, with Gen. DAVIS and staff, was about leaving for Kolkee. The revenue cutter *Reliance* was still at Sitka. ARRIVED: Ships *Mary E. Packer*, from New-York; *Bombay*, from New-York; *Saga*, from Manila.

The Philadelphia Commercial Exchange Association Banquet.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 1.

A banquet, given by the members of the Commercial Exchange Association, in honor of the dedication of their new hall, which was thrown open to the public to-day, took place in the Continental Hotel. The main table, at which were seated invited guests, ran along the head of the hall, with nine other tables extending the whole length of the hall, which were gaily decorated with flags and crowned with every delicacy. The ornaments were beautiful and most appropriate to the occasion. JOHN H. MCCHERNEY, President of the Association, presided. After the edibles had been disposed of, the President made the opening speech, in which he welcomed the delegates from the Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of other cities present by invitation. The first toast was to the cities of Chicago and Milwaukee, which was responded to by Mr. RANDOLF, of Chicago, who concluded a happy speech by toasting the City of Philadelphia. Ex-Mayor Mr. MCMICHAEL responded to this in his usual happy vein.

The next toast was to the City of Boston, to which Mr. SAMPSON responded.

Cincinnati was next complimented with a toast, and Mayor GESHAM fulfilled the duty of responding.

The Judiciary was next toasted, and responded to by Judge THOMPSON, of the Supreme Court.

The City of New-York was complimented with a toast, happily responded to by Mr. BOGART.

Similar compliments were given to the Cities of St. Louis, Indianapolis and Richmond, which were responded to by delegates from those cities.

The festivities were kept up till past midnight, when the party separated in great good humor.

The Buffalo Skating Match—Swift Victorious.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Monday, March 1.

Messrs. GILL, JENKINS and EDWARDS, the judges selected from New-York City to decide the skating match between SWIFT and GOODRICH, for the championship of America and a diamond medal, having arrived late on Saturday night, the match was skated over this afternoon. The contest lasted two and a half hours. SWIFT won the match, the score being 45 to 39. SWIFT greatly excelled in the first part of the programme in the complicated movements. GOODRICH scored heavily and came near carrying off the prize. SWIFT, by the rules of the Skating Congress, retains the medal. CALLIE CURTIS has challenged the winner, and the match will come off in two weeks if the ice holds good. The New-York City excursionists will attend the grand carnival to-night at the Rink, visit Niagara Falls to-morrow, and arrive home on Wednesday.

Marine Disaster off the Connecticut Coast.

BOSTON, Mass., Monday, March 1.

Arrived brig *Clara Jenkins*, from Messina. She reports: "On Sunday, picked up the longboat of the ship *Harry Bluff*, of New-York, Capt. OLIVER, from Cadiz for Boston, containing the crew of that ship, she having struck on South Shoal, off Nantucket, at midnight on Friday, and soon after filled with water." The crew were landed here this afternoon. The vessel was abandoned at anchor in thirteen fathoms of water, and with sixteen feet of water in her hold, and probably foundered shortly after the crew left her. In leaving the ship two of the crew were drowned, and two others froze to death in the boat. All hands were more or less frostbitten, and most of them have been placed in the hospital. The ship had a cargo of salt and wine.

Arrest of an Alleged Swindler in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Monday, March 1.

An extensive swindling case has been unearthed here. Last June MOSES E. LUDINGTON defrauded several New-York, Boston and Philadelphia firms out of a stock of goods worth $127,000, and then failed. His silent partner has been arrested, by whom the whole plan has been revealed, and a large amount of goods will be recovered.

Hon. J. N. MORRIS, of Quincy, Ill., has written to a friend in that city that he declined a Cabinet appointment because the salary does not cover the expenses of living in Washington.

Extensive Fire at Jackson, Miss.

JACKSON, Miss, Monday, March 1.

A large fire occurred at 3 o'clock this morning, which burned the *Clarion* newspaper job offices and bookbindery. The loss is $25,000, which is partly covered by insurance. GEORGE C. EVRICH's book and stationery store was also burned. Loss, $15,000; insured for $9,000. The fire originated in the *Clarion* office, and was the work of an incendiary. The *Clarion* will resume publication to-morrow.

Escape of Prisoners from Hampton Jail.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Monday, March 1.

Twelve negroes who were confined in Hampton broke from jail and escaped on Saturday night. Two were charged with rape and the others with minor offences.

Daring Burglaries in Boston.

BOSTON, Monday, March 1.

NATHANIEL G. WOOD, watchmaker and jeweler, in Hanover-street, was robbed Sunday morning of $7,000 worth of property.

D. C. STICKNEY, an expressman, had $22,000 stolen from his dwelling yesterday. Suspicion rests on an inmate of the house, who has disappeared.

Hudson River Navigation Again Closed.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Monday, March 1.

The thermometer marked five degrees below zero at 5 o'clock this morning. The river is full of heavy ice. Vessels are no longer able to reach Newburg, owing to a heavy ice gorge at West Point. Foot passengers are crossing safely on the ice as far down as New-Hamburg, eight miles below this city. Below that point there are large fields of floating ice as far down as Tarrytown. If the cold weather holds till to-morrow, the river will probably be frozen over solidly from Peekskill north.

Extensive Fire in Montpelier, Vt.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Monday, March 1.

A fire occurred at Morrisville this morning, resulting in the complete destruction of the Masonic Hall building, containing, besides the hall, a drug store and grocery, Post Office and other offices. A barber shop, together with a dwelling-house adjoining, were also burned. Most of the furniture was saved from the dwelling, but not much from the other buildings. The property was partly insured.

Municipal Elections in Maine.

PORTLAND, Me., Monday, March 1.

The Democrats carried Portland for the first time since 1859, and WILLIAM L. PUTNAM is elected Mayor. The vote stands: PUTNAM, 2,567; DRUMMOND, 2,577. Last year the vote was: PUTNAM, 2,271; MCLELLAN, 2,487; DENNING, the Temperance candidate, 779. The Democrats carried four of the seven wards.

SACO, Me., Monday, March 1.

Owing to dissensions in the Republican Party the city election to-day resulted in no choice for Mayor, JAMES M. DENNING, the present incumbent, lacking 68 votes of a majority. Six Republican Aldermen are elected, and in one ward there was no choice.

LEWISTON, Me., Monday, March 1.

Hon. ISAAC N. PARKER, Republican, was elected Mayor to-day by a vote of 692 to 175. The Republicans carried all but one ward.

Completion of the Missouri Valley Railroad.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Monday, March 1.

The extension of the Missouri Valley Railroad was completed on Saturday night to the Western Division of the North Missouri Road, forming another direct route from St. Louis to St. Joseph, thence to Omaha.

Funeral of a Distinguished Mason.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Monday, March 1.

The R. W. and Rev. CHARLES PLATT, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M., who died at his residence in this city on Thursday morning last, will be buried with Masonic honors at Lyons, Wayne County, on Thursday afternoon next. An escort of Knights Templar will accompany the remains from this city.

GOLD CONTRACTS.

Decision of Chief Justice Chase in the Case of Thomas C. Butler against Benjamin F. Morwitz.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 1.

The Supreme Court of the United States today decided the RUSSELL, MAJOR & CO.'s Floyd acceptance to be illegal. The Court also delivered an opinion sustaining the gold contract case from Maryland, on the same principle as that involved in the case of BRONSON against RODES. Chief Justice CHASE delivered the opinion of the Supreme Court to-day in cause No. 76—Thomas C. BUTLER *vs.* BENJAMIN J. HORWITZ—in error to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Maryland. The following is a careful report of the opinion:

Chief Justice CHASE said—The principles which determine the case of BRONSON *vs.* RODES will govern our judgment in this case. The record shows a suit for breach of the covenant for payment of rent in a lease of certain premises in the City of Baltimore, made in 1761 for 99 years, reservable thereon upon an annual rent of fifteen pounds current money of Maryland, payable in English golden guineas, weighing five pennyweights and six grains, at thirty-five shillings each, and this gold and silver at their present weight and rate established by act of Assembly. The obvious intent of the contract was to secure payment of a certain rent in gold and silver, and thereby to avoid the fluctuations to which the currency of the country, in the days which preceded and followed the establishment of our independence, had been subject; and also, all future fluctuations incident to arbitrary or uncertain measures of value, whether introduced by law or usage. It was argued in the Court below that the rent due upon the lease reduced to currency at the silver coin was, on the 1st of January, 1866, $[illegible], and judgment was rendered on the 27th of June, 1867, for $[illegible]. This judgment was rendered as the legal results of two propositions, first, that the covenant in the lease required the delivery of a certain amount of gold and silver in payment of rent; and, second, that damages for non-performance must be assessed in the legal tender notes of the United States. The first proposition is in our judgment, correct; the second is, we think, erroneous. It is not necessary to go at length into the grounds of this conclusion. We will only state briefly the general propositions on which it rests, most of which has been stated more fully in BRONSON *vs.* RODES. A contract to pay a certain sum in gold and silver coin is in substance and legal effect a contract to deliver a certain weight of gold and silver of a certain fineness to be ascertained by count. Damages for non-performance of a contract may be recovered at law as for non-performance of a contract to deliver bullion or other commodity, but whether the contract be for delivery or payment of coin or bullion or other property, damages for non-performance must be assessed in lawful money, that is to say, in money declared to be legal tender in payment by a law made in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States. It was not necessary in the case of BRONSON *vs.* RODES, nor is it necessary now to decide the question whether the acts making United States notes legal tender are warranted by the Constitution. We express no opinion on that point, but assume, for the present, the constitutionality of those acts. Proceeding upon this assumption, we find two descriptions of lawful money in use under the acts of Congress, in either of which damages for non-performance of contracts, whether made before or since the passage of the Currency acts, may be properly assessed in the absence of any different understanding or agreement between parties. But the reference in contracts for payment in coin to guard against fluctuations in the medium of payment warrants the inference that it was the understanding of the parties that such contracts should be satisfied, whether before or after the judgment, only by tender of coin; while the absence of any express stipulation as to description in contracts for payment of money, generally warrants the opposite inference of an understanding between parties that such contracts may be satisfied before or after judgment by the tender of any lawful money. This inference as to contracts made prior to the passage of the acts making United States notes legal tender is strengthened by the conclusion that those acts not only do not prohibit, but by strong implication sanction contracts since their passage for the payment or delivery of coin; and consequently, taken in connection with the provision of the act of 1792, concerning money of account, require the damages upon such contracts to be assessed in coin and judgment rendered accordingly; leaving the assessment of damages for breach of other contracts to be made and judgment rendered in lawful money. It would be unreasonable to suppose that the Legislature intended a different rule, as to contracts prior to the enactment of the Currency laws, from that sanctioned by them in respect to contracts since. We are of the opinion, therefore, that assessments of damages, whether in coin or lawful money, severally, that judgments upon such assessments would be in conformity to the nature of contracts in regard to the medium of payment. It follows then, that in the case before us, the judgment was erroneously entered

tentatives, and again in 1844. In 1847 he was again a member of the House of Representatives of Maine, and on the 26th of May, 1848, he was elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of JOHN FAIRFIELD. In 1851, at the expiration of his term, he was re-elected. In 1858 he was chosen Governor of Maine, but in February, 1857, was again elected to the United States Senate and resigned the Governorship to accept that position. In 1860 he was nominated by the Republicans for Vice-President, on the ticket with ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and was elected. He was again a candidate for that position in 1864, but the nomination was bestowed upon ANDREW JOHNSON and Mr. HAMLIN retired to private life. Mr. JOHNSON, who had become President through the death of Mr. LINCOLN, appointed him, in 1866, Collector of Customs at Boston, Mass., which position he accepted and held until the following Summer, when, disapproving the policy of President JOHNSON he resigned, and took the stump in Maine in favor of the Congressional plan of Reconstruction. Since then he has taken no part in political affairs, dividing his time between his home in Bangor and his farm in Brewer. Originally a Democrat, he left the party in 1854, at the time of the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act, and took an active part in the formation and organization of the Republican Party in Maine.

William A. Buckingham, of Connecticut.

WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Republican, was born in Lebanon, Conn., May 24, 1804, and, having received a good education in that town, removed when 20 years of age to this City to acquaint himself with the duties of mercantile life. Subsequently he returned to Connecticut and established himself as a merchant in Norwich, which has since been his place of residence. In 1858 he was elected Governor of Connecticut, and by successive annual elections was retained in that office by the people of his State until 1863. Throughout the war he was found an able and prompt advocate and supporter of the policy of President LINCOLN, and an efficient assistant of the General Government in the energies asked for the suppression of the rebellion.

Reuben E. Fenton, of New-York.

REUBEN E. FENTON, Republican, is a native of this State, having been born in Carroll, Chautauqua County, on the 1st of July, 1819. He studied law, but engaged in mercantile pursuits for many years, even after entering public life. His first public office was Supervisor of the town of Carroll, to which he was elected in 1843. In 1852 he was chosen a member of the Thirty-third Congress, and in 1856 he was again elected to Congress. He was returned to the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses, but resigned in 1863 to accept the Governorship of this State. During his service in the House of Representatives he filled important positions on committees and was an able and influential member. He was reelected Governor of New-York in 1866, and remained in that office until the 1st of January last, when his official term expired. At the Chicago Republican Convention he was a prominent candidate for the nomination for the Vice-Presidency. He was elected United States Senator after a severe and somewhat bitter contest, EDWIN D. MORGAN, the present Senator, being the rival candidate for the position.

John P. Stockton, of New-Jersey.

JOHN P. STOCKTON, Democrat, was born in Princeton, N. J., on the 2d of August, 1805. He graduated at Princeton College in 1823, was admitted to the Bar in 1826, and commenced practice three years later. By appointment of the State Legislature he revised the laws of New-Jersey, and he was for several years the State Reporter in Chancery, in which position he published three volumes. In 1853 President BUCHANAN appointed him Minister Resident at Rome; on the election of Mr. LINCOLN he recalled him at his request. He resumed the practice of law in his native State, and in 1865 he was elected to the United States Senate. His right to a seat, owing to an alleged illegality in his election, was disputed, and this gave rise to a protracted and bitter debate. His title to his seat was first confirmed by a vote of 22 to 21, the deciding vote being cast by himself. The question however was reconsidered, and as he withdrew his vote he lost his seat on the 27th of March, 1866. The Legislature of this State was unable to agree upon his successor, the two political parties being so divided in that body that one vote was sufficient to prevent a joint convention of the two Houses. Congress, however, passed the law regulating the mode of choosing Senators of United States Senators, and Mr. ALEXANDER G. CATTELL was finally elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. STOCKTON's father and grandfather both served in the United States Senate, and his great-grandfather was one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

John Scott, of Pennsylvania.

JOHN SCOTT, Republican, of Pennsylvania, has heretofore taken no prominent part in political affairs. He was born in Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Penn., in 1824. He studied law with Judge THOMPSON, at Chambersburg, Penn., and was admitted to the Bar in 1846. He settled in Huntingdon borough immediately afterward, and has resided there ever since, actively engaged in the practice of his profession. During the past ten years he has been solicitor for the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, and his practice has long been large and lucrative. Previous to the war he was a Douglas Democrat; he was bitterly opposed to the election of Mr. BUCHANAN in 1856. When the rebels fired upon Fort Sumter he warmly espoused the cause of the Government, and he has acted cordially and enthusiastically with the Republican Party ever since. In 1862 he was elected to the Legislature of Pennsylvania by the Republicans, and this is, we believe, the only political office he has ever held. His election to the Senate was a great surprise even to the party in his own State, very peculiar circumstances having accomplished the result. His father was a representative in the State Legislature, and was a member of Congress from 1833 to 1837.

William T. Hamilton, of Maryland.

WILLIAM T. HAMILTON, Democrat, was born in Hagerstown, Md., in 1821. He was graduated at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Penn., and, having studied law in Hagerstown, was admitted to the Bar of Washington County in 1845.

In the following year he was elected a member of the Maryland House of Representatives, but was defeated at the election in 1847. He was a Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket in 1848, and was elected to Congress in 1849, where he became a warm supporter of the Clay compromise measures. In 1851 and 1853 he was reelected to Congress, but in 1855 he was defeated. In 1861 he was tendered the Democratic nomination for Governor of Maryland, but declined to accept. He remained in the quiet pursuit of his professional duties until his recent election to the Senate.

Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware.

THOMAS F. BAYARD, Democrat, is a native of Delaware, and a son of Hon. JAMES A. BAYARD, whom he succeeds in the Senate. He is a lawyer by profession, and about 40 years of age. He has been prominent in his profession in his native State, but his entrance into the Senate will be his first appearance in a political position. His grandfather, as well as his father, and his uncle, RICHARD H. BAYARD, have been members of the United States Senate.

Abijah Gilbert, of Florida.

Mr. GILBERT, Republican, was elected several months ago, by the Legislature of Florida, to succeed ADONIJAH S. WELCH as Senator from that State. The terms of the general law were not complied with in this election, however, and at the recent session of the Legislature an earnest effort was made to nullify the previous action, and to choose some one else to fill the position. This movement failed, and the question will come before the Senate for its decision.

William G. Brownlow, of Tennessee.

WILLIAM G. BROWNLOW, Republican, of Tennessee, has had a checkered career; and has been, perhaps, as cordially hated by his political opponents as any man now prominent in political life. He was born in Wythe County, Virginia, on the 29th of August, 1805, and being left an orphan at the age of 11 years was compelled to labor upon a farm until he was 18. He then learned the trade of a carpenter, and devoted himself to that until he had obtained the means to go to school and obtain a tolerable education. At the age of 21 he entered the Methodist ministry, and for ten years he was an itinerant preacher. Having removed to Tennessee he was sent, in 1832, as a delegate to the General Conference of the Church which was held in Philadelphia. In the same year he traveled a circuit in South Carolina, and while there entered into the political contest, taking strong grounds against JOHN C. CALHOUN, in favor of the Union in the nullification controversy. Fierce opposition was excited against him by this procedure, and he published a pamphlet in his own vindication. About the same time he engaged in a controversy with a clergyman of another denomination upon the position of the Methodists with regard to slavery, and published a pamphlet in which he said: "I have paid some attention to this subject, (slavery,) young as I am, because it is one day to shake this Government to its very foundation. I expect to live to see that day, and not be an old man at that. While I shall advocate the owning of men, women and children, as you say our discipline styles slaves, I shall, if I am living when the battle comes, stand by my Government and the Union formed by our fathers, as Mr. WESLEY stood by the British Government, of which he was a loyal subject." Mr. BROWNLOW began his political career as early as 1826, in Tennessee, as an advocate of the election of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS to the Presidency. In 1837 he became editor of the Knoxville *Whig*, and from his articles in this, and from his course in political matters, he obtained a national reputation as "the Fighting Parson." He retained his connection with the *Whig* until January last. In 1856 he visited Philadelphia to engage in a public debate with Rev. ABNER PIERCE, of that city, on the subject of slavery, in which he earnestly defended the institution as it existed in the Southern States. From the commencement of the secession movement he boldly maintained the cause of the Union in his paper, arguing, with other things, that it was the best safeguard of Southern institutions; and, after the rebels were driven out of Tennessee, he added to his journal the additional title of The *Rebel Vanquisher*. His course brought him much persecution, and he was arrested Dec. 4, 1861, after being deceived and placing himself within the power of the rebels at Knoxville. He was thrown into jail on a charge of treason, and detained there about three weeks, when he was released on civil process, but immediately rearrested by the rebel military authorities, and kept under guard in his own house until March 2, 1862. He then came North and made a tour of the country, delivering speeches to large crowds in all the principal cities. He resided in Cincinnati until he could return to Knoxville, where he resumed the publication of the *Whig*, which, of course, had been temporarily interrupted. On the 4th of March, 1862, he was elected Governor of Tennessee, and was reelected in 1867. Having been elected to the United States Senate, he resigned the Governorship on the 26th of February last. His health has long been quite feeble, and in May last it was supposed that he was in a dying condition. His political opponents in Tennessee and elsewhere were quite confident that he would never be able reach Washington.

Arthur I. Boreman, of West Virginia.

ARTHUR I. BOREMAN, Republican, of West Virginia, has never served in Congress, and has not been much known outside of his own State. In the politics of that State, however, he has taken a prominent part during the past six years. In 1863, when the State of Virginia was divided and West Virginia constructed, he was elected Governor of the latter, there being no opposition. In 1864 he was again unanimously elected, receiving 19,088 votes. He was elected for the third time, in 1866, receiving 28,346 votes to 11,186 votes for BENJAMIN H. SMITH, the Democratic candidate. He declined a reelection in 1868.

Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio.

ALLEN G. THURMAN, Democrat, of Ohio, was born in 1813, and passed his earlier years in Chillicothe, Ross Co., Ohio. In 1838 he removed to Columbus, and that city has since been his home. He studied law in the office of Hon. WILLIAM ALLEN, of Chillicothe, and was admitted to the Bar in 1835, being then in his twenty-second year. In 1841 he was elected a member of the Twenty-ninth Congress, and served upon the Judiciary Committee. At the close of his term he declined a reelection. In the Fall of 1851 he was elected by the Democratic Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio. In Ross County, where he resided, he ran about 900 votes ahead of his party ticket, and he received a majority of the votes cast in the county although it was at the time strongly Whig. He held the office of Judge for four years. In 1867 he was supported by his party as their candidate for Governor of the State, but was defeated by 3,269 votes in a total vote of 485,327.

Daniel D. Pratt, of Indiana.

DANIEL D. PRATT, Republican, was born at Palermo, Me., in 1813. His father, a physician, soon after removed to New-York. The son, at the age of thirteen, entered Hamilton College, and graduated with very high honors four years later. In the Spring of 1839, on foot and alone, he left home for the Great West, with no capital but his natural abilities, his education and a good character. He reached Cincinnati in April, and soon after engaged as teacher of a common school in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Ind., which position he held until the following Spring, when he was elected principal of a seminary at Rising Sun, Ohio County, Ind., then a flourishing institution in the southeastern portion of Indiana. In 1834 he resigned and went to Indianapolis, where he began the study of the law in the office of FLETCHER & BUTLER, at the time among the leading members of the Bar of the State. In 1836 he was admitted to practice and settled at Logansport, Cass County, Ind., which has since been his place of residence. In 1847 he was nominated by the Whigs for Congress, as Representative from the Ninth District, but was defeated by a small majority. In 1851 he was a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, and he was reelected in 1853. In 1856 he was the Republican candidate for District Elector, and since the organization of that party, he has been its zealous and ardent supporter. In 1860 he was one of the Delegates at Large from Indiana to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, and was selected as its reading clerk, having a voice of wonderful power. In 1863 his party friends in the Legislature complimented him by the nomination for United States Senator, but the Legislature was Democratic, and he was not elected. In October, 1865, he was elected by the Republicans to Congress as Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX's successor from the Ninth District of Indiana, and would have taken his seat in the lower House of the Forty-first Congress, had he not subsequently been elected United States Senator.

Matthew Hale Carpenter, of Wisconsin.

MATTHEW H. CARPENTER, or MATT CARPENTER, as he is familiarly and usually called, a Republican, was born in Vermont, near the town of Waterbury, in the year 1824. When 12 years of age he was adopted by PAUL DILLINGHAM, a distinguished lawyer of Vermont, and afterward Governor of that State. Through his influence and that of other friends who had appreciated his natural ability and force of character, young CARPENTER received an appointment to the Military Academy at West Point, but after passing two years at that institution he abandoned the military profession and entered upon the study of law in the office of RUFUS SHOATE, the eminent and highly successful lawyer of Boston. In 1849 he removed to Beloit, Wis., and entered upon the practice of his profession in that town with flattering prospects of success. But a few months after his office building he was attacked by a disease of his eyes, and so severe did this become that for eighteen months he was totally blind. He came to this City for medical treatment, which fortunately was successful, and restored to him the sight. He returned to Beloit in 1851, and after a few years his reputation was established. District-Attorney for the county. This election was at once a high compliment to his legal ability, and an indication of his personal popularity, as the other candidates on the same ticket were all defeated by over 1,000 votes. In 1856 he removed to Milwaukee, and during his residence in that city has deservedly been acknowledged to be one of the most prominent, able and learned lawyers in Wisconsin. About a year since he won a National reputation for argumentative skill, learning and ability, by his arguments in Washington in behalf of the Government, of the United States, in favor of the constitutionality of the Reconstruction acts of Congress. He was originally a Democrat in politics, but at the commencement of the war he abandoned that party, and became a steadfast supporter of the policy of the Government and an earnest advocate of the abolition of slavery. Although so long prominent in the Courts of the State of his adoption, he has heretofore kept himself aloof from the strife for political advancement, and his entrance into the United States Senate will be his first experience as an office-holder. He a few weeks since addressed a large meeting in Milwaukee on the subject of temperance, taking strong ground in favor of personal appeals to the victims of the thirst for intoxicating drinks, as preferable to the enactment of prohibitory laws, and at the close of the meeting, in order to give evidence of the sincerity of his convictions, publicly added his name to the pledge which was circulated for signatures among those who composed the audience.

Carl Schurz, of Missouri.

CARL SCHURZ, Republican, was born on the 2d of March, 1829, at Liblar, near Cologne, in Prussia. For his active and open participation in the revolution of 1848, he was compelled to leave his native country, and after having passed three years in Paris and London, he came to America, settling temporarily in Philadelphia, he studied law for three years in the Quaker City and then removed to Wisconsin. This was in 1852, and in the Presidential canvass of the following year he began to take an active part in the political affairs of this country, earnestly and enthusiastically advocating the election of JOHN C. FREMONT to the Presidency. In 1860 he was chosen a delegate to the National Republican Convention, which nominated ABRAHAM LINCOLN for the Presidency, and in 1861 he was appointed by Mr. LINCOLN Minister to Spain. He remained at Madrid, however, but a few months. He returned to this country in December, 1861, to extend his personal assistance to the National Government in its efforts to suppress the rebellion. He was first made a Brigadier-General of Volunteers, and was assigned on the 27th of June, 1862, to the command of a division in a corps then under command of Gen. FRANZ SIGEL. For distinguished services he was promoted to the position of Major-General of Volunteers. At the close of the war he was appointed Commissioner of the Government, to inquire into and report upon the condition of the Southern States. In 1866 he became editor of the Detroit *Post*, and while under his direction that paper was noted for the marked ability with which it was conducted, and the intense radicalism of the position which it assumed and maintained. After remaining in Detroit about two years, he was invited to remove to St. Louis and assume editorial control of the *West-liche Post*, a German newspaper, Republican in politics, of much influence among the citizens of that nationality in the West. He accepted the offer, and was occupying that position when called by the voice of the people of Missouri, expressed through their Representatives in the State Legislature, to take a seat in the Senate of the United States. Soon after his election it was extensively circulated, and his political opponents found much consolation in the belief that he was constitutionally ineligible to a seat in the Senate, on the ground that the Federal Constitution prescribes that a Senator must have been nine years a citizen of the United States, and that he had been naturalized only two years; but this rumor received its quietus when it was ascertained that he had legally become a citizen during his residence in Wisconsin, previous to the commencement of the war.

Eugene Casserly, of California.

EUGENE CASSERLY, Democrat, is a native of Ireland, in which country he was born in 1820. It is a curious coincidence that Hon. JOHN CONNESS, Republican, whose successor he is to be, was born in Ireland and in the same year. His parents brought him to New-York when he was but two years of age, and he was carefully and faithfully educated by his father, who was an able and successful teacher of the Greek and Latin languages. When but 19 years old he assisted his father in the preparation of an edition of *Ollendorff's Greek Reader* for the press. He entered upon the study of law, and in the year 1844 he was admitted to the Bar in this City. Here he practiced his profession for several years, and engaged also in journalistic labors. He removed to San Francisco, Cal., in 1850, and has since resided in that city. During the war, although a Democrat, he was an undeviating opponent of the rebellion, and his election to the Senate by a Democratic Legislature was a severe rebuke to the disloyal element of that party on the Pacific coast. He has an enthusiastic faith in the future of the great State which he is in part to represent in the halls of Congress, and at a dinner recently given him by his friends in this City, who desired to extend to him a welcome on his return to the scene of his first struggles in its affairs, as a resident of nearly twenty years, said that on the Pacific coast it was seriously discussed whether man are to speak in the future of San Francisco as the New-York of the Pacific, or of New-York as the San Francisco of the Atlantic.

The Changes in Brief.

The changes in the Senate, which will take place, are briefly as follows:

HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Republican, of Maine, in place of LOT M. MORRILL, Republican.

WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Republican, of Connecticut, in place of JAMES DIXON, elected as a Union-Conservative, but now a Democrat.

REUBEN E. FENTON, Republican, of New-York, in place of EDWIN D. MORGAN, Republican.

JOHN P. STOCKTON, Democrat, of New-Jersey, in place of FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN, Republican.

JOHN SCOTT, Republican, of Pennsylvania, in place of CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, Democrat.

THOMAS F. BAYARD, Democrat, of Delaware, in place of JAMES A. BAYARD, Democrat.

WILLIAM T. HAMILTON, Democrat, of Maryland, in place of WILLIAM PINKNEY WHYTE, Democrat.

ARTHUR I. BOREMAN, Republican, of West Virginia, in place of PETER G. VAN WINKLE, Republican.

ABIJAH GILBERT, Republican, of Florida, in place of A. S. WELCH, Republican.

ALLEN G. THURMAN, Democrat, of Ohio, in place of BENJAMIN F. WADE, Republican.

DANIEL D. PRATT, Republican, of Indiana, in place of THOMAS A. HENDRICKS, Democrat.

WILLIAM G. BROWNLOW, Republican, of Tennessee, in place of DAVID T. PATTERSON, elected as a Republican, but now a Democrat.

CARL SCHURZ, Republican, of Missouri, in place of JOHN B. HENDERSON, Republican.

MATTHEW H. CARPENTER, Republican, of Wisconsin, in place of JAMES R. DOOLITTLE, elected as a Republican, but now a Democrat.

EUGENE CASSERLY, Democrat, of California, in place of JOHN CONNESS, Republican.

Then the following Senators, whose terms had expired, and all of whom are Republicans, have been reelected:

CHARLES SUMNER, of Massachusetts;
WILLIAM SPRAGUE, of Rhode Island;
GEORGE F. EDMUNDS, of Vermont;
ZACHARIAH CHANDLER, of Michigan;
ALEXANDER RAMSEY, of Minnesota;
THOMAS W. TIPTON, of Nebraska;
WILLIAM M. STEWART, of Nevada.

SIMON CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, was first elected to the Senate in 1845, and his first service in that body ante-dates that of all his colleagues. He has, however, served in all but ten years, while CHARLES SUMNER, of Massachusetts, has held his seat for eighteen years, consecutively, and HANNIBAL HAMLIN, of Maine, has been a member of the Senate thirteen years, in addition to the four years, during which, being Vice-President, he presided over its deliberations.

The States of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, not yet having been reconstructed, are not at present represented in the Senate, and the State of Georgia, although it has elected two Senators, has not yet been admitted to representation in that body.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

List of Members—Its Political Complexion.

A full House of Representatives consists of two hundred and forty-three members. Tennessee, however, claims an additional member in the Forty-first Congress, and has elected JOHN B. ROGERS as Congressman from the State at large. His right to a seat as such must be decided by the House. Counting him, two hundred and seven members of the two hundred and forty-four have been elected. The vacancies will be filled by elections hereafter, the details of which are stated below. Following is a list of the members already chosen, the names of Democrats being printed in italics, a * signifying that the present member from the district has been reelected, a † that his seat is contested, and a ‡ that the election of the member is a gain to his party:

ALABAMA.
1. Logan H. Roots.* 2. Thomas Boles.*
3. *Anthony Q. Rogers, g.*

CALIFORNIA.
1. *Samuel B. Axtell.** 2. *James A. Johnson.**
3. Aaron A. Sargent.*

DELAWARE.
1. *Benj. T. Briggs.*

FLORIDA.
1. Charles M. Hamilton.*

ILLINOIS.
At Large—John A. Logan.*
1. Norman B. Judd.* 2. Shelby M. Cullom.*
3. Jno. F. Farnsworth.* 4. *P. P. McNeily.*
5. Edm. N. Ashburne.* 6. *Albert G. Burr.*
7. Jonathan B. Hunter.* 8. *Samuel S. Marshall.*
9. Eben C. Ingersoll.* 10. John Bross Hay.
11. Burton C. Cook.* 12. John R. Crebbs, g.
13. Jesse H. Moore.

INDIANA.
1. *William E. Niblack.** 2. Godlove S. Orth.*
3. *Michael C. Kerr.** 4. James N. Tyner.
5. John Coburn.* 6. John P. C. Shanks.*
7. John U. Julian.*† 8. William Williams.*
9. John Coburn.* 10. Jasper Packard.
11. *Dan'l W. Voorhees, g.*

IOWA.
1. George W. McCrary. 2. Wm. Loughridge.*
3. William Smyth. 4. Francis W. Palmer.
5. William B. Allison.* 6. Charles Pomeroy.

KANSAS.
1. Sidney Clarke.*

KENTUCKY.
1. *Laurence S. Trimble.** 2. *Thomas L. Jones.**
3. *William M. Sweeney.* 4. *James B. Beck.**
5. *Jacob S. Golladay.** 6. *George M. Adams.*†
7. *J. Proctor Knott.** 8. *John M. Rice, g.*
9. *Boyd Winchester.*

LOUISIANA.
1. *Louis St. Martin, g.* 2. *Michael Ryan, g.*
3. Lewis A. Sheldon. 4. *Geo. W. McCrary, g.*
5. *Adolph Dailey, g.*

MAINE.
1. John Lynch.* 2. John A. Peters.*
3. Samuel P. Morrill. 4. Eugene Hale.
5. James G. Blaine.*

MARYLAND.
1. *Samuel Hambleton.* 2. *Patrick Hamill, g.*
3. *Stevenson Archer.** 4. *Frederick Stone.**
5. *Thomas Swann.*

MASSACHUSETTS.
1. James Buffington. 2. Nathaniel P. Banks.*
3. Oakes Ames.* 4. George S. Boutwell.*
5. Ginery Twitchell.* 6. George F. Hoar.
7. Samuel Hooper.* 8. Wm. B. Washburn.*
9. Benj. F. Butler.* 10. Henry L. Dawes.*

MICHIGAN.
1. Fern'do C. Beaman.* 2. Thomas W. Ferry.*
3. Wm. L. Stoughton. 4. Omar D. Conger.
5. Austin Blair.* 6. Randolph Strickland.

MINNESOTA.
1. Morton S. Wilkinson. 2. *Eugene M. Wilson, g.*

MISSOURI.
1. *Brutus Wells, g.* 2. Robert T. Van Horn.*
3. Gus. A. Finkelburg. 4. John F. Asper.
5. *Jas. R. McCormick.** 6. John F. Benjamin.*
7. Sempronius H. Boyd. 8. David P. Dyer.*
9. Samuel S. Burdette.

NEBRASKA.
1. John Taffe.*

NEVADA.
1. Thomas Fitch.

NEW-JERSEY.
1. William Moore.* 2. John Hill.*
3. *Charles Haight.** 4. *Orestes Cleveland, g.*
5. *John T. Bird.*

NEW-YORK.
1. *Henry A. Reeves.* 2. *John G. Schumaker.*
3. *Henry W. Slocum.* 4. *John Fox.**
5. *John Morrissey.** 6. *Samuel S. Cox.*
7. *Harvey C. Calkin.* 8. *James Brooks.**
9. *Fernando Wood.** 10. *Clarkson N. Potter, g.*
11. *George W. Greene, g.* 12. John H. Ketcham.*
13. *John A. Griswold, g.* 14. *Stephen L. Mayham.*
15. Adolphus H. Tanner. 16. Orange Ferriss.*
17. William A. Wheeler. 18. Stephen Sanford.
19. Charles S. Knapp. 20. Addison H. Laflin.*
21. Alex. H. Bailey.* 22. John C. Churchill.*
23. Dennis McCarthy.* 24. George W. Cowles.
25. William H. Kelsey.* 26. Giles W. Hotchkiss.
27. Hamilton Ward.* 28. Noah Davis, Jr.
29. John Fisher. 30. David S. Bennett.
31. Porter Sheldon.

NORTH CAROLINA.
1. Clinton L. Cobb. 2. David Heaton.*
3. Oliver H. Dockery.* 4. John T. Deweese.*
5. Israel G. Lash. 6. *Francis E. Shreber, g.*
7. *Plato Durham, g.*

OHIO.
1. *Philip W. Strader, g.* 2. Job E. Stevenson, g.
3. Robert C. Schenck.* 4. William Lawrence.*
5. *William Mungen.** 6. John A. Smith.
7. James J. Winans. 8. John Beatty.*
9. *Edward F. Dickinson, g.* 10. *Truman H. Hoag, g.*
11. John T. Wilson.* 12. *Phil. Van Trump.**
13. *George W. Morgan, g.* 14. Martin Welker.*
15. Edward H. Moore. 16. John A. Bingham.*
17. Jacob A. Ambler. 18. William H. Upson.
19. James A. Garfield.*

OREGON.
1. *Joseph S. Smith, g.*

PENNSYLVANIA.
1. *Samuel J. Randall.** 2. Ulysses Mercur.*
3. Charles O'Neill.* 4. John B. Packer.
5. *John Moffett, g.* 6. *Rich. J. Haldeman.*
7. William D. Kelley.* 8. John Guseva.
9. *John B. Reading, g.* 10. Daniel J. Morrell.*
11. *John D. Stiles.* 12. Wm. H. Armstrong.*
13. Washington Townsend. 14. Glenni W. Scofield.*
15. *Dan'l M. Van Auken.* 16. Charles W. Gillilan.
17. *J. Lawrence Getz.** 18. *Henry D. Foster, g.*
19. Oliver J. Dickey. 20. James S. Negley.
21. Henry L. Cake.* 22. Darwin Phelps.
23. *Dan'l M. Van Auken.* 24. J. Banton Donley.
25. *Geo. F. Woodward.**

RHODE ISLAND.
1. Thomas A. Jenckes.* 2. Nathan F. Dixon.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.
1. Benj. F. Whittemore.* 2. *J. F. Rood, g.*
3. C. C. Bowen.* 4. *W. D. Simpson, g.*

TENNESSEE.
At Large—John R. Rogers.
1. Robert R. Butler.* 2. William F. Prosser.
3. Horace Maynard.* 4. Samuel M. Arnell.*
5. William R. Stokes.* 6. Isaac R. Hawkins.*
7. Leon T. Tillman.* 8. W. J. Smith.*

VERMONT.
1. Charles W. Willard. 2. Worth'n C. Smith.*
3. Luke P. Poland.*

WEST VIRGINIA.
1. Isaac H. Duval. 2. John S. Witcher.
3. James C. McGrew.

WISCONSIN.
1. Halbert E. Paine.* 2. *Charles A. Eldridge.**
3. Benj. F. Hopkins.* 4. *Philetus Sawyer.**
5. Amasa Cobb.* 6. Cadwallader C. Washburn.*

RECAPITULATION.

	Fortieth Congress.	Forty-first Congress.
Republicans	173	137
Democrats	49	70
Vacancies	21	17
Yet to be chosen	...	20
Total	243	244

States Not Represented.

The States of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, not yet having been reconstructed, are denied representation in Congress. When they have complied with the requirements of the Reconstruction acts, Virginia will be entitled to eight members, Mississippi to five and Texas to four—total, seventeen.

Alabama is entitled to six members, but no election has yet been ordered in that State.

Georgia is entitled to seven members, and the election is ordered to take place on the first Monday (the 5th day) of April next. A bill was passed by the State Legislature providing for an election of members in November last; but, through the non-action of the Governor, it failed to become a law. Both parties, however, made their nominations at that time, and these candidates will probably be voted for in April. The present delegation consists of four Republicans and two Democrats, and there is one vacancy. The majorities in the several districts were, in 1868, as follows: First District, 3,329 Republican; Second, 1,949 Democratic; Third, 1,235 Republican; Fourth, 161 Republican; Sixth, 413 Democratic, but this result was contested by the Republican candidate; Seventh, 3,180 Democratic. In the Fifth District there was no regular opposition to the Republican candidate, although three or four thousand votes were cast for Henry W. Hillard, Democrat, an independent nomination. The candidates nominated last Fall for the Forty-first Congress are as follows:

Republicans.	*Democrats.*
1. John W. Clift.*	1. A. H. Hansell.
2. William P. Pierce.	2. Nelson Tift.*
3. John H. Caldwell.	3. Hugh Buchanan.
4. B. B. De Graffenreid.	4. Thomas G. Lawson.
5. Charles H. Prince.*	5. William H. Mallon.
6. John A. Wimpy.	6. Peter Boyd.
7. Pleasant A. Hackney.	7. P. M. B. Young.*

Elections are yet to be held in New-Hampshire and Connecticut. In New-Hampshire the election will take place on Tuesday, March 9. The nominations are as follows, the delegation in the Fortieth Congress being composed entirely of Republicans:

Republicans.	*Democrats.*
1. Jacob H. Ela.*	1. Ellery A. Hibbard.
2. Aaron F. Stevens.*	2. Edw'd W. Harrington.
3. Jacob Benton.*	3. Hosea W. Parker.

The Republican majorities in the election in 1867, were as follows: First District, 996; Second, 955; Third, 1,046.

The election in Connecticut will take place on Monday, April 5. The nominations have not yet been completed. So far as they have been made they are as follows:

Republicans.	*Democrats.*
1. Julius L. Strong.	1. James Dixon.
2. Stephen W. Kellogg.	2. James F. Babcock.
3. Sidney B. Beardsley.	4. Abiel Converse.

The delegation from Connecticut in the Fortieth Congress is composed of one Republican and three Democrats. The majorities at the election in 1867 were as follows: First District, 817 Democratic; Second, 1,759 Democratic; Third, 1,896 Republican; Fourth, 980 Democratic. The result in the last-named district was disputed, and the question has not been settled.

Contested Seats.

There will be an unusual number of contests relative to seats in the House. Among the number are the following:

INDIANA.—JOHN S. REID, Democrat, will contest the seat of GEORGE W. JULIAN, Republican, as Representative from the Fourth District. The vote in the district was declared as follows: JULIAN, 12,412; REID, 12,207; JULIAN's majority, 115. The seat of THOMAS N. VOORHEES, Democrat, as Representative from the Sixth District of the same State, is contested by WILLIAM WIRT CARTER, Republican. The vote in this district was declared as follows: CARTER, 16,454; VOORHEES, 16,692; VOORHEES' majority, 128.

KENTUCKY.—COL. SIDNEY M. BARNES, Republican, will contest the seat of Hon. GEORGE M. ADAMS, Jr., Democrat, as Representative from the Eighth District. The vote in this district was officially declared as follows: BARNES, 9,861; ADAMS, 10,228; ADAMS' majority, 462.

LOUISIANA.—There is a dispute in regard to the seats of all the members from this State. The House on Saturday refused to permit J. WILTIS MENARD, who has the Governor's certificate, to occupy a seat even during the remainder of the Fortieth Congress. He was elected to fill a vacancy at the same time that the eleven other seats in the Forty-first Congress were chosen, and the Clerk of the House may take this as an intimation of the propriety of omitting the names of the members-elect from his roll.

MARYLAND.—Judge DANIEL WEBSTER, Republican, will probably contest the seat of JOHN NEGAMIE HAMILL, Democrat, as Representative from the Fourth District. The vote in this district was declared as follows: WEBSTER, 11,653; HAMILL, 12,239; HAMILL's majority, 586.

MISSOURI.—WILLIAM A. PILE, Republican, will contest the seat of ERASTUS WELLS, Democrat, as Representative from the First District. The vote in the district was as follows: PILE, 9,553; WELLS, 9,734; WELLS' majority, 181. Gen. JAMES SHIELDS, Democrat, will contest the seat of ROBERT T. VAN HORN, Republican, as Representative from the Sixth District. The vote in the district was as follows: VAN HORN, 5,497; SHIELDS, 4,500; VAN HORN's majority, 997. WILLIAM T. SWITZLER, Democrat, will contest the seat of DAVID P. DYER, Republican, as Representative from the Ninth District. The vote in this District was: DYER, 8,407; SWITZLER, 4,975; DYER's majority, 432.

NEW-JERSEY.—Hon. GEORGE A. HALSEY, Republican, will contest the seat of GROVER CLEVELAND, Democrat, as Representative from the Fifth District. The vote was declared as follows: HALSEY, 16,362; CLEVELAND, 19,110; CLEVELAND's majority 2,748.

NEW-YORK.—The seat of GEORGE W. GREEN, Democrat, as Representative from the Eleventh District, will be contested by CHARLES H. VAN WYCK, Republican. The vote as declared was: VAN WYCK, 11,226; GREEN, 11,620; GREEN's majority 393.

OHIO.—The seat of PHILIP W. STRADER, Democrat, as Representative from the First District, will be contested by BENJAMIN EGGLESTON, Republican. The vote was declared to be: EGGLESTON, 10,375; STRADER, 10,468; STRADER's majority 211. JOHN M. ASHLEY, Republican, will contest the seat of TRUMAN H. HOAG as Representative from the Tenth District. The vote was declared to be: ASHLEY, 14,896; HOAG, 15,807; HOAG's majority 913.

PENNSYLVANIA.—LEONARD MYERS, Republican, will contest the seat of JOHN MOFFATT, Democrat, as Representative from the Third District. The vote was declared to be: MYERS, 13,720; MOFFAT, 13,893; MOFFATT's majority, 127. CALEB N. TAYLOR, Republican, will contest the seat of JOHN E. READING, Democrat, as Representative from the Fifth District. The vote was declared to be: TAYLOR, 13,152; READING, 13,198; READING's majority, 41. JOHN COVODE, Republican, will contest the seat of HENRY D. FOSTER, Democrat, as Representative from the Twenty-first District. The vote was declared to be, COVODE, 13,768; FOSTER, 13,607; FOSTER's majority, 41. Frauds appeared so clearly in this District that Gov. GEARY has withheld the certificate of election.

TENNESSEE.—C. A. SHEARS, Democrat, will contest the seat of LEWIS TILLMAN, Republican, as Representative from the Fourth District. Gov. BROWNLOW, in a proclamation announcing the result in the district, said the returns in the office of the Secretary of State give SHEARS 686 majority, but, "correcting the returns by the law governing in such cases, by throwing out the vote of Lincoln County, as the election was held by order of the County Court, and the returns were made by the Coroner—the law requiring elections to be held and returns made by the Commissioner of Registration; and by throwing out the vote in the civil districts of the Counties of Coffee and Marshall, in which it appears that the judges of election had not taken the necessary oath, the vote of the district would stand as follows: For SHEARS, 2,363, and for TILLMAN, 2,786, leaving TILLMAN's majority 423." He therefore awarded the certificate to LEWIS TILLMAN. JOHN W. LEFTWICH, Democrat, contests the seat of W. J. SMITH, Republican, as Representative from the Eighth District. With reference to the result in this district, Gov. BROWNLOW, in the same proclamation, says:

"The returns from the Eighth District show that JOHN W. LEFTWICH received 6,522 votes; W. J. SMITH 5,548 votes, and DAVID A. NUNN 4,028 votes, giving LEFTWICH 969 majority over SMITH. I submit repudiate the vote of Tipton County as an exhibition of the most stupendous fraud perpetrated in the State during the late election. I also cast out the vote of Fayette County, as held in open violation of the Purchase law. Besides these, a supplemental return by the Commissioner of Registration for Shelby County gives the Dad county alone, in addition to 700 votes in favor of W. J. SMITH over LEFTWICH, all of which gives SMITH a clear majority of over a thousand above the vote which I have awarded the certificate of election to W. J. SMITH."

A valid registration becomes indispensable to a valid election. With official information before me that the vote in Fayette and Shelby Counties was illegal and therefore void, and that the Ruling Elder have used violence and other means of intimidation to deter legal voters from voting, I do hereby, I consider, and with certainty that he is regularly elected according to the laws of the State. Whatever others may think of my duty, I will not decide, in a contested or otherwise, that the election was regular in counties or districts, which I officially know to be irregular. In these conditions I am heavily relieved of responsibility,

Cayes in the war steamer *Alexandre Petion*, and immediately made his preparations for attacking the place, the latter being on the outskirts of troops now investing the town in advance, upon it and the *Petion* to open upon the forts defending the harbor. SALNAVE gave notice to the Consular agents that he would allow twenty-four hours for the foreign residents in Aux Cayes to leave the place, should they wish to do so. Not only the foreigners, but large numbers of the natives of the town availed themselves of the privilege, taking refuge, most of them in merchant vessels in the harbor. Two ships, one English and the other French, took about 300 Haytians to Kingston, Jamaica. Everything that could be done was done by Mr. HOLLISTER, the American Minister, who was at Aux Cayes, by the Captain of the British war vessel *Janoe*, and other influential foreigners, to induce DOMINGUE to surrender Aux Cayes, and thus to prevent bloodshed and the certain destruction of the place should SALNAVE bombard it; but all in vain. DOMINGUE and the other revolutionists, however, expressed their determination to defend it to the last extremity. The state of affairs in Aux Cayes was very distressing. Provisions could scarcely be had at any price, and there was very little flour in the town. Many of the Haytians who went to Jamaica left with only the clothes on their backs. Only women and children were allowed to leave. All males above the age of 16 were being pressed into the rebel service, and every picket captured was shot in public by orders of DOMINGUE. Before the steamer *Zodiac* left Port-de-Prince for New-York, news was received that SALNAVE had attacked the forts at Aux Cayes, and after cannonading them ineffectually for two days, had drawn off to Petit Riviere, the ammunition of the *Petrou* being exhausted. He had sent to Port-au-Prince for a fresh supply of ammunition, and would return to Aux Cayes as soon as he received it, and renew his operations against the place.

Minister HOLLISTER had visited Jeremie and Jacmel in the *Nipsic*. At the latter place he had an interview with the Committee of Public Safety, whom he assured of the deep interest felt by the American Government in the fate of Hayti, telling them, at the same time, that his Government highly disapproved of the improper use that had been made of the American flag by the Haytians. The Committee had issued a decree forbidding all Haytians capable of bearing arms to leave the country at present. Those attempting to leave, if captured, were to be shot, and the property of those making good their escape was to be confiscated.

In the north the insurgents were still holding their ground. They had attacked Gonaives, and succeeded in getting into the town, but the arrival of one of SALNAVE's steamers had compelled them to evacuate it. The steamer *Mount Vernon* had arrived at St. Marc, and, after discharging her cargo there, proceeded to Inagua, and towed back to St. Marc a schooner said to be loaded with arms and ammunition.

Mr. TAYE, Minister of Finance, had resigned his portfolio. Rear-Admiral NICHOLS, of the *Alexandre Petion*, was reported sick, and was about leaving for home. Capt. HUGONS, of the steamer *Salnave*, had disappeared, and it was supposed that he had gone to Jamaica. The American house of CUTZE & Co. had made a contract with the Haytian Government for the delivery of 2,000 tons of coal for the use of the Haytian navy.

THE POWELL WILL CASE.

A Decision to be Given in a Day or Two.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Monday, March 1, 1869.

The great case of FOWLER and CULVERT against Mrs. FRANCIS RAMSDELL will be decided in a day or two in the Surrogate's Court. The whole of the evidence has been before the Surrogate, Hon. GILBERT O. HULSE, the case having been closed last week, and he will render his decision in a day or two. The two contestants are daughters of Mr. ROBERT POWELL, the only married son of Mrs. MARY POWELL, the lady who left the property in dispute, and they claim that Mr. and Mrs. RAMSDELL gained an improper influence over the deceased lady, and treated her like a child. The property in dispute amounts to nearly $2,000,000. Mr. RAMSDELL, who was the principal agent in obtaining the signature to the will, came to this City about forty years ago, without friends or acquaintances, and in the greatest poverty. He was fortunate enough, however, to obtain in marriage one of Mrs. POWELL's daughters, and immediately became a rising man. Having become a stockholder in the Erie Railroad, he soon obtained the position of President of the road, which he held for a considerable time. He is now one of the Erie Directors. Mr. RAMSDELL and his wife have lived for a long time in Mrs. POWELL's magnificent mansion at Newburg, where they managed to secure complete control of everything. This was the more easy from the fact that Mrs. POWELL had imbibed spiritualist ideas, and had visions of the new Jerusalem and a host of wonders besides. At one time the great spiritualist HOME resided in her house, and ministered to her mystical fancies. Mrs. POWELL was of the family of the LINDLEYS, an old Tory family, some of whose ancestors were distinguished officers in the United States Navy during the war of 1812. One of them was a Lieutenant with Capt. LAWRENCE. Mr. ROBERT POWELL, her son, married Miss OTIS, who is descended, on her mother's side, from the excellent family of the BARTONS of Philadelphia. It is said that Mrs. RAMSDELL unfairly induced Mrs. POWELL to leave all her property to himself and his wife, and thus cut off the daughters of Mrs. POWELL from all participation in the estate of their grandmother. The case has excited a great deal of interest in this locality, and the decision of the Surrogate is anxiously expected.

LABOR MOVEMENTS.

The Printers' Strike.

The journeymen book and job printers on strike transacted no business at their Rotanic Hall meeting, yesterday afternoon, beyond receiving new members. It was stated that an official dispatch had been received from Cambridge, Mass., to the effect that all the offices there were now paying the new scale of prices, 48 and 47 cents per 1,000 ems.

EMPLOYING PRINTERS.

The employing printers met yesterday at the Astor House to discuss affairs connected with the strike. Favorable reports were received of all the offices to the effect that they were steadily receiving new workmen, and that although more hands could be employed to advantage, the need was not so urgent as it had been. The following resolutions were passed reaffirming their opposition to the strike, and their intention to resist it:

Resolved, That we are as determined now as when first the arbitrary and inadmissible demands of the Printers' Union were made upon us, to resist the dictation of an organization whose members are largely made up of those who have little, if any, connection with our special branch of the printing business.

Resolved, That we have the satisfaction of believing that our resistance to this unjust and ill-judged strike has effectually prevented the enforcement of other arbitrary measures which were to follow, if this "Union" been recognized as the master of our establishments.

Resolved, That, accepting the statements of this "Union as being correct, it has succeeded in depriving one-tenth of its members of the privilege of earning a livelihood, and compelled the remainder to support them in idleness; while it has wholly failed to secure us into a compliance with its tyrannical and unreasonable demands.

Resolved, That the scale of prices which has been generally adopted by the employing printers is established by intelligent committees to be fair and equitable; and, in offering it to the journeymen, we were actuated by a desire to do what we were willing to do all that our business permitted—that our business being that we would not be controlled by men who, if they seemingly was formed for the purpose of taking the management of our offices out of the hands of their rightful owners.

The Eight-Hour Movement.

An attempt will be made this week toward off any possible strike on the part of the Bricklayers' Union for eight hours as a day's labor. Committees from both the Union and employers will meet to discuss the question. Perhaps a compromise upon nine hours will be made, and perhaps the eight hours will be conceded to on condition of the reduction of it a day from the wages of the man.

The Case of Philip Dickel.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In correction of a narrative in your Sunday issue concerning the arrest and subsequent release of a Prussian fugitive, we beg to state the follow ing facts: PHILIP DICKEL, a lumber dealer from the Prussian province of Nassau, was prosecuted for frauds and forgeries committed on private parties in business connections. Advised by the Prussian Government of his departure to the United States in the steamer *Ems*, the Consul-General of the North German Union, Dr. ROEHRO, caused the fugitive to be arrested. A subsequent dispatch from Count BISMARCK authorized the Consul to drop further proceeding inasmuch as a special allegation was not necessary, because the forgeries had been discovered. The Consul also gave directions for the release of the prisoner. He provided him with funds to reach the West. Before leaving, the prisoner made his call in the presence of the Consul and others, it is therefore plain that the case is free from any mystery except that in which the Prussian had enveloped it, and that the case clearly came within the Extradition Treaty between the United States and Prussia. Either the fugitive could have been delivered up, had the North German Government so desired. Yours obedient,

EARL, GOEPP & BURKE, of Counsel for the North German Consul-General.

NEW-YORK, March 1.

GRIFFITH GAUNT.

Proceedings in the Action for Libel by Charles Reade Against the "Round Table"—Reading of Griffith Gaunt in Court.

The trial of the action of libel brought by the celebrated English author, CHARLES READE, against the *Round Table* for malicious criticism of *Griffith Gaunt*, was resumed yesterday in the Supreme Court before Judge CLERKE. The Court-room was densely crowded in anticipation of the continuation of the reading of the novel by VANDENHOFF.

On the opening of the Court, Judge CLERKE, returning to the objection raised by defendants' counsel, that the reading of *Griffith Gaunt* ought not to be permitted, inasmuch as the publication of the book was proved, added: The defendants' counsel in his statement with their answer, which justifies the libel in full and admits the authorship. Their position, therefore, is limited.

The plaintiff's counsel then stated to the Court that Mr. VANDENHOFF was unavoidably called away to fulfill an engagement in Cincinnati. They had, however, secured the services of Prof. FRANCIS, who would proceed with the reading of the book to the Jury. They then called

JOHN H. FRANCIS, Professor of Elocution in the College of New-York, who proceeded with the reading of *Griffith Gaunt* to the jury.

At a few minutes after 12 o'clock, when the reader had reached Chap. XX. of this remarkable novel, His Honor announced that the Court would take a recess for ten minutes.

On the resumption of the Court

Judge CLERKE said: I took the rebuke which has just carried because I wished to put it at consultation with my brother Judges in relation to the reading of this book. I think we have been proceeding erroneously. This book could not to be read by the plaintiff. The defendants have placed a statement of the libel, and it is for them to prove that justification by reading the parts of the book which they believe bears out their views, in order to establish the affirmative with them, and not with the plaintiff.

Mr. Whitney—If your Honor please, in answer to your Honor's request I beg leave to state that the course we have taken is justified by precedent. The case was tried in the Home Circuit in 1866, Green vs. Furniss, which is very analogous to this case. It was an action for damages for the sale of the *Old Ledger*, against the proprietors of the *Athenæum*. The book it was not only the worst novel ever published, but that it was full of flagrant indecency, and of shameful both the living and the dead. The defendants pleaded "not guilty." After the jury had been empaneled and gone on the trial, Justice HAWES told the book ought to have been put in by the plaintiff; so it was a question that rested upon the character of the book. If the book was not put in that closed the plaintiff's case. A new trial was therefore ordered, which took place in the Court of Common Pleas, before Lord Chief-Justice COCKBURN. Your Honor will find that when the case came on his Lordship raised the same objections, namely, that the book should be put in as the jury would have no means of judging of its character. This is really the most reasonable objection I have heard. They say, that if it is libel, and malicious, every word of it is entirely true; and then, thirdly, they say that even if it be true, and that the other circumstances affecting the case, to the effect that they should not be amenable to heavy damages. Now, what is the practice of this court? What is the subject to be tried? Are we to read only the complaint and then rest our case? When we come to the jury and ask them to decide the question whether it is libelous, they say, we have not given them enough to decide whether these statements about the book, whether the defendant has not exceeded the limits of a fair criticism in commenting on this book, I do not know how we can do otherwise than submitting to the jury the book itself, in order that they may be fully prepared to answer these questions. They have charged it with being an impure, sensual, sensuous, and so forth. We have put the book before the jury. I do not see how we have to prove the libel. There may be a grave question whether there is any proof of malice, not malice in the sense in law, but malice in fact, which may be inferred from the publication of a libel. I regret that we have been compelled to occupy the time of the Court in trying with the reading of this book, but I consider we have only discharged our duty in doing so.

His Honor—I think I permitted an error in allowing you to read the book. The plea of justification throws the burden upon the defendants. It is for them to prove by reading parts of the book that they consider they were justified in speaking of it as they have done. They are to select those portions which they consider justify their criticism.

Mr. Gerry—Well, after all, your Honor, I have done what I think we shall be compelled to do at the end. The defendants must take one of two courses: If they consider the book and specific parts, we have a right to object that they cannot single out specific passages but they must place of the spirit of the work, and in the spirit of the book. Therefore hardly any book ever written that does not contain passages which, taken by themselves, might be called objectionable, or even obscene. If, therefore, the defendants put in those passages, we are compelled also to put in the entirement, and we do so. There is nothing whatever in the book to warrant such a tone of criticism. Thus, if somebody selected certain passages from the Bible, or any remarks of Washington Irving, and thence proceeded to pass a criticism upon the entire works and charge them with impurity or obscenity, we should have to read the books them. Under the circumstances, I think your Honor's charge of the jury must be on the entire work, and not on any portion of it.

Mr. Whitney—We will, your Honor, to be understood as having the matter in your hands. There are parts of the book that we do not object to; but we shall say that the question is one of fair criticism on the book, and not of libel. They occupy a position that is privileged. They are justified in being strong language in this case.

His Honor—There is no doubt that the matter of the complaint is libelous per se. But of course it can be justified if the statements in the complaint are true, and founded on the general tendency of the book, you are entitled to a verdict. I think I will adhere to the opinion I have expressed that the book should be read now.

Mr. Gerry—Well of course we bow to your Honor's opinion. Still, I would be glad if your Honor would note the chapter at which we left off reading.

Prof. FRANCIS—It is chapter 20.

The plaintiff's counsel then proceeded with the examination of witnesses. The evidence of the publication of the book was deposed as follows: I am by profession a journalist; I have been connected with the New-York *Tribune* during the past twelve years; I am at present a sub-editor; I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Charles Reade between six and seven years; I saw him in the Summer of 1868 at his house in London; I resided at his house some five or six weeks; I left London at the end of May, I think, to come home in October. I knew when Mr. Reade was at work on the book, and he was writing *Griffith Gaunt*.

Mr. Whitney—I object to this evidence. The question is not whether Mr. Charles Reade did or did not write the language contained in this book; but the question is whether he used the labors of other men and took his plot from some other man's book, which this witness is not competent to testify to. Nobody but Reade himself is competent to give evidence on this question of authorship of the novel.

Mr. Gerry—I differ with you. I think the evidence must be admitted, subject to exclusion.

His Honor—I think the evidence is admissible. The evidence may show how he prepared the materials of the work and sent the manuscript to the printer. If it was concentration, for, as how he originally obtained it, whether from the works of other men, or the original productions of his own brain.

Mr. Whitney—We have another objection: The witness says he went to Mr. Reade's house until the larger portion of the work was published.

Mr. Gerry—At the time you were visiting Mr. Reade's house had literary productions was he engaged in writing?

Witness—I know of one or two; I know specially of the novel *Griffith Gaunt*; I saw him write portions of it. I saw what was called fair copy, the manuscript, the hand I never was called fair copy, the manuscript, that's copy; it was copied by him and then returned to Mr. Reade, who went over the manuscript again; it was then sent to the printer's; in some cases by myself and others by a messenger. I saw all the proofs while I was there; I cannot tell who the printer was; I was a reader in a printing office; I am acquainted with the firm of Ticknor & Fields in Boston.

Counsel—Do you know how much a page they paid for *Griffith Gaunt*?

Mr. Whitney—I object to that. There is no question as to the arrangement made with Ticknor & Fields; there is no allegation of special damages, and therefore the question of what the compensation was cannot be gone into.

His Honor—I think it is admissible to show the arrangement, as bearing upon the question of general damages.

Witness—It was either three pounds or three guineas a page of the *Atlantic Monthly*; that is about twenty dollars in currency.

Counsel—You have been in Court during the time the libels were read by me?

Witness—During part of the time.

Counsel—Well, you have read these articles in the *Round Table*?

Witness—Yes.

Counsel—Well, during the time you were in England and staying at Mr. Charles Reade's house, did you read these articles, or any portion of them, in the local papers?

Mr. WHITNEY objected, on the ground that there was no allegation of any actual damage to Mr. READE; but the objection was overruled.

His Honor remarking that in cases of slander a special allegation was necessary; but in cases of libel

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Advices have been received by the English War Office to the effect that the British troops had made reprisals on the natives of New-Zealand in retaliation for recent outrages. The Prussian Diet had agreed to grant the sum of 9,000,000 florins to the City of Frankfort-on-the-Main. The death of DE LAMARTINE, the French poet and historian, occurred yesterday at Paris.

WEST INDIES AND MEXICO.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Cleopatra*, we are in receipt of late mail news from the West Indies and Mexico. Our Cuba letter is dated Feb. 13, and gives particulars of the action of Gen. DULCE in regard to the expiration of the term of amnesty, and interesting facts concerning the progress of the insurrection. Our correspondent further informs us that local disturbances were apprehended in consequence of ill feeling between the volunteer and the regular troops guarding the City of Havana, and refers to a plot planned, it is alleged, with a view to securing the supersedure of DULCE by a more popular chief. The news from Hayti has been anticipated. St. Domingo advices report that Republic in an unsettled condition. Pronunciamentos were being made everywhere. The Southeastern Province of Seybo was in open rebellion and troops had been dispatched thither to oppose the advance of the enemy. No definite news had reached St. Domingo as to the result of this move. The Northwestern districts were maintaining a guerrilla warfare against the Government forces. The Southwest Province of Azua was still revolutionized. The town of Azua was, at last accounts, threatened by the revolutionists, and once the latter holds that seaport, the road to St. Domingo City is understood to be open to them. City of Mexico dates are to Feb. 13. They embody details of disturbances at Puebla and mention a few out of a score of pronunciamentos that had latterly been made in different parts of the Republic.

Telegraphic advices from Havana state that the Government troops under Gen. PUELLO had met the insurgents near Cifuentes and defeated them. Three hundred rebels had surrendered at Villa Clara. Gen. LERSA was advancing into the interior without much opposition. Four Spanish gunboats and the man-of-war *Gaditano* were reported off the coast.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the Committee on Finance were relieved from consideration of the bill on coinage of five-cent pieces. After reports had been made by committees on sundry bills, an animated discussion ensued on the bill to provide for the removal of political disabilities. The name of ASA ROGERS, of Virginia, was mentioned on a motion to strike him from the list, though nothing decisive ensued owing to the expiration of the morning hour. The correspondence between the State Department and the United States Minister at Madrid, was, on motion by Mr. CONKLING, called for. The amendment of Mr. SPRAGUE to the Army Appropriation, was then considered, which led to the presentation of several other amendments, including the claim set up by Massachusetts for advancements made during the war of 1812, upon which a protracted debate was had. In the evening session Mr. FESSENDEN continued his speech on the Army Appropriation bill, and advocated the amendment offered by Mr. SUMNER; after which the Senate adjourned, at 11:40 P. M.

In the House a large number of bills were, on the call of the States, read twice and referred to appropriate committees. Considerable debate occurred on the proposition to return to Gen. ROBT. E. LEE sundry relics of WASHINGTON, and the intended movement was stymied by recognition. A long list of miscellaneous appropriations were then considered, and confirmed in nearly every instance. An hour of the evening session was occupied by the Committee of the Whole on invalid pensions. A personal discussion occurred between Messrs. SCHENCK and BUTLER about a question of privilege on the Public Credit bill. Appropriations were made for the Bangor Custom-house, and public buildings in Knoxville, as well as for certain Territorial surveys.

GENERAL.

Great difficulty has been experienced by the Court in Richmond in finding an unprejudiced jury for the trial of JAMES GRANT for the murder of H. RIVES POLLARD. A large number of talesmen were finally brought from Alexandria and Norfolk, and on Saturday the panel was completed. The trial is now in progress.

Municipal officers are to be elected to-day in the following cities of this State: Rochester, Oswego, Utica, Auburn, Elmira, Troy and Newburg. Great interest is felt in each of these localities as to the result of the canvass.

Eleven blood horses, formerly owned by the late JOHN MINOR BOTTS, were sold on the 27th inst. *Engineer*, a stallion 17 years old, brought $720, which was the largest sum obtained for any single horse. Some of the animals had quite lengthy pedigrees, but none had become famous.

Advices from the West state that the Union Pacific Railroad is not yet open, owing to recent snow-storms, and it is impossible to say when the mails will get through. They are, however, promptly delivered at the end of the Union Pacific Road, and the difficulty is on this side.

Revenue Assessor JOHN W. FRASIER, of the First District of Pennsylvania, has been suspended by the newly-appointed Supervisor for neglect of duty. It is understood that Assessor FRASIER refuses to recognize the authority of the Supervisor, and has sent him a letter to that effect, and that he intends to continue to perform the duties of his office.

It has been stated that several States have already ratified through the action of their Legislatures, the Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution. There is a specified form to be gone through with before the amendment could legally be acted upon by any State, and in the instances cited could not have been complied with. An official copy must be transmitted by the President to the Governor of each State, and by him laid before the Legislature.

A Washington correspondent says that both Republicans and Democrats have agreed by common consent to pay THEODORE M. POMEROY, of New-York, the compliment of election as Speaker by acclamation, to serve twenty-four hours after Speaker COLFAX resigns.

Mr. CROATZ, the alleged Newburyport incendiary, was yesterday indicted on seventeen separate charges of arson. He plead not guilty. The trial will take place next week.

The snow-storms throughout Canada still impede railway traffic, despite the exertions of large gangs of laborers on the snow-drifts.

Two extensive burglaries were committed on Sunday in Boston, when a large amount of jewelry and other property were carried off by the thieves.

The skating match between SWIFT and GOODRICH for the championship of America and a diamond medal, came off yesterday at Buffalo. After a protracted contest SWIFT was declared the winner, and as such was challenged again by CALLIE CURRIE.

Another complaint of bond robbery has been made against the broker, EDWIN R. LEE, of Bergen, arrested some time ago on a charge of being implicated in the robbery of $40,000 worth of bonds from the Star Insurance Company.

The rebel Lieut. JOHN C. BRAIDE was released from custody yesterday, by order of the Attorney-General.

Gen. ROUSSEAU had an insurance of $10,000 on his life, and that amount has just been paid to his widow by the Company in which he was insured.

Great numbers of thieves are hastening to Washington to attend the inauguration ceremonies, with an eye to business. JOHN A. KENNEDY, Police Superintendent, is also there, and so are several New-York detectives.

A militia soldier stationed near Pulaski, Tenn., is reported to have committed a gross outrage upon the person of a young negro girl. The father and other negroes caught him and beat him so terribly with their muskets that he is reported to be in a dying condition.

A Mr. ECKERSON died a few days since at Saddle River of hydrophobia, after prolonged and most horrible sufferings. The Philadelphia papers, mistaking the name, have announced the death of Mr. JOHN ERICSSON the inventor, and followed with lengthy obituaries of that gentleman.

A fire occurred yesterday in the City of Jackson, Miss., when the *Clarion* newspaper office and other buildings were destroyed, causing an aggregate loss of $40,000. The publication of the *Clarion* will not be suspended.

The Ohio Republican delegation in Congress had a meeting on Saturday night, and unanimously resolved to support Mr. BLAINE for Speaker, and Gen. ECKLEY, of Ohio, for Clerk of the House of Representatives.

At a meeting of the Associated Banks, recently held in Boston, Messrs. CHAS. R. HALL, NAZRO and BRAY were chosen a Committee to proceed to Washington to look after the interest of the Banks, as connected with the bill now before Congress providing for the redistribution of the National Bank circulation.

Last Thursday night a young man, while quarreling in a grocery at East Liverpool, Ohio, stabbed and killed his half-brother, who was endeavoring to get him home.

While Senator BROWNLOW, of Tennessee, was on his way to the capital on Friday, a gang of rowdies entered the car at Charlottesville, and commenced to abuse him. One drew a pistol and threatened to kill him. They were put out, and the train proceeded. The Lynchburg papers reviled him in most abusive terms.

The ship *Harry Bluff*, of New-York, from Cadiz to Boston, is reported to have struck on South Shoal off Nantucket, on Friday. Her crew were landed yesterday at Boston, with the exception of four, two having been drowned and two frozen to death in the long boat while at sea.

NANCY E. CLEE, indicted for the murder of JACOB YOUNG and his wife at Cold Spring, Ind., last September, was yesterday convicted at Indianapolis, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The Legislative Gas Investigation Committee met at the St. Nicholas Hotel yesterday, and resolved to direct Prof. DOREMUS and two other chemists to analyze the gas furnished by the different Companies. The Committee will to-day examine the officers of the different Companies.

Rev. ABBOTT KITTREDGE lectured last evening in the Presbyterian Church, corner Twenty-second-street and Fourth-avenue, having for his subject "The Mount of Sinai."

The Metropolitan Board of Health met yesterday afternoon. The hearing in the case of the Board against the Metropolitan Gas Company was deferred until Thursday, and that of the residents of Murray Hill against the slaughter houses of that locality until Monday next. Mr. GEO. B. LINCOLN was reelected President of the Board for the ensuing term, and an adjournment for one week was finally ordered.

The Board of Excise met yesterday, and granted twenty-nine new licenses. Seven complaints against liquor-dealers for infringement of the law were disposed of. Only one license was revoked, and the Board adjourned for one week.

The Sixty-second Annual Commencement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons took place last evening at Steinway Hall. There were eighty-seven graduates.

The general markets were quiet, as a rule, yesterday. Cotton, Flour, Wheat, Whisky, Pork and Lard were cheaper. Corn was dearer. Sugars were less buoyant. Freights dull and drooping.

Transactions at the Live Stock Markets yesterday were unusually active. Prices of beef cattle were more firm and 4c.@5c. ℔ lb. higher than they were reported one week ago. Prime bullocks found a ready sale at 15¼c.@17c. ℔ lb., net weight. The demand for smooth and thrifty stears is excellent. Fair to good bullocks will sell for 13c.@15c. ℔ lb. Trade in sheep is also active, and prices are well maintained at 6c.@6½c. ℔ lb., live weight, for good to prime mutton sheep. Inferior droves are sold at intermediate prices, between 4c.@6c. ℔ lb. A few prime sheep brought over 8c. ℔ lb. There is more activity in the swine market than usual. Trade is fair at 14c.@14¼c. ℔ lb., for City dressed, with occasional sales at 14½c. ℔ lb. Western dressed 16c.@17c. ℔ lb. lean. Live hogs are so seldom sold that it is difficult to ascertain what the market price really is.

Gen. Grant and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Gen. GRANT is reported as saying to Mr. DELANO that if he could judiciously do so he would gladly give him a place in his Cabinet, but the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue he regarded as among the most important offices in his gift—fully equal to a Cabinet position.

If Gen. GRANT be correctly reported, it is manifest that he fully understands the great importance of this office to his Administration. His conversation, together with the fact that the announcement of this appointment preceeds that of the Secretary of the Treasury, and must have been determined on without consultation with the person who is to fill that office, shows that under the next Administration the Commissioner, although nominally a subordinate of the Treasury Department, is, in fact, to be the responsible head of the Revenue Bureau. This is as it should be. Mr. ROLLINS was never more than the nominal head of that bureau, always liable to be overruled by the Secretary, and not infrequently by a mere clerk in the Secretary's office. We believe it is true that although Mr. ROLLINS has held the office for nearly four years, no assessor or collector was ever appointed on his recommendation, while for the last two years the Secretary has hardly gone through the form of consulting him upon the minor appointments of the Department. Such a course is destructive of all discipline and of all efficiency. No subordinate cared for the Commissioner, and they obeyed or disobeyed his directions just as it suited their pleasure. All understood that to quarrel with him was to gain the active support of the President. The Commissioner found himself at the head of a bureau, the subordinates of which he could neither appoint nor remove, and whose official action even he was unable to direct.

Mr. ROLLINS' administration has not been a success, but no one can truly affirm that he is responsible for the failure. Opposed as he has been almost from the start by the President, with the whole force of the Administration, and particularly its thieves, which certainly have constituted its most active if not its most numerous class of adherents, arrayed against him, success was never possible. A man with a different temperament from that of Mr. ROLLINS might have attempted more, but his failure would have been equally certain and perhaps even more disastrous. Dissension and weakness at Washington have been the bane of the revenue service, and the primary cause of its complete demoralization.

But under the incoming Administration all this will be changed. Gen. GRANT understands, as only military men can understand, the moral power of discipline. He knows that to be useful his Commissioner must be respected, and to be respected he must be the actual head of his Department. He must have power—sole and absolute power and control over his own subordinates. The President elect will never hold the head of a department responsible for the conduct of subordinates he did not appoint, and whose removal from office he is powerless to effect. We expect, therefore, that entire control of the revenue service will be accorded to the Commissioner, and for that branch of the Treasury Department he will be held responsible.

Thus administered the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue is one of the most important offices within the gift of the President elect, not surpassed in consequence by any in the Government.

In giving the Revenue Bureau a responsible head Gen. GRANT will have taken the first step requisite to a successful enforcement of the Revenue law; but even with a united Executive Government at Washington, success will not be attained without an effort.

He who supposes that all whisky rings are to expire with the present Administration, and that no bad men are to seek and obtain office under the next, has but little knowledge of the wide-spread demoralization which exists when it is only a question of cheating the Government. Many bad men will obtain office. Many who enter office with entirely honest purposes will be corrupted afterward, for human nature will not change with the change of Administration, and the temptation to cheat will be as great as ever.

But before a Commissioner can suppress fraud he must be able to establish the fact of its existence. Specific allegations of fraud must be supported by specific proof. How is the Commissioner in Washington to obtain the knowledge, first, that fraud exists, and second, the proof by which its existence may be established? This at best is extremely difficult for him to do, and under the present law we deem it well-nigh impossible. Of course the matter would be greatly simplified if the local officers would do their duty. But the greater proportion of the local officers in the great centres of revenue collection will *not do their duty*. These *never have* and *never will*; and under the present law it is not within the power of the Commissioner to compel them to do it. The difficulty is for the Commissioner to know what particular officer is violating his duty. Take the case of a distillery in New-York, that accounts regularly for 85 per cent. of its assessed capacity. Now how is the Commissioner to know whether the distiller actually produces 85 or 125 per cent. of the estimated capacity of his distillery? Under the present law it is all in the hands of the local officers, and they are a close corporation. The law proceeds upon the theory that the mere declaration that the local officer is to be held to a strict responsibility for the frauds committed in his district is sufficient to secure his vigilance and fidelity, and leaves the Commissioner no means but the impossible one of personal supervision, of tracing the vague and shapeless charge of fraud to the particular district where it has been committed.

Local officers should undoubtedly be held responsible for frauds in their respective districts, but human nature will have to undergo a radical change before men are found willing to convict themselves, either of collusion or incompetency, by reporting the existence of corruption in their own districts so long as the law affords them the means of settling and covering up matters that should be subjected to the widest and most searching investigation.

Hence it is a mere mockery to talk of holding them responsible without giving to the Commissioner power, through a numerous and trusted staff acting directly under his orders, and in conjunction with the Supervisors, of ascertaining whether the law is enforced, and if not, of fixing the responsibility for the failure upon the proper officer. As the law now stands, the Commissioner has no means of ascertaining whether the law is enforced in any particular district other than those that are open to every citizen. We have no doubt Commissioner DELANO will very soon discover this defect in the present law and ask for its amendment.

Another and more serious difficulty, which the Commissioner will encounter in his efforts at reform, arises from the fact that the officers upon whom he must rely for the punishment of fraud do not belong to his Department, and are not under his control. Nothing can be done in the way of enforcing this law except with the aid and coöperation of the *District-Attorneys*. The Department must rely upon the Courts for the enforcement of the law, and the faithful collection of the revenues will depend more upon a half dozen appointments to be made by the Attorney-General than upon any other dozen appointments to be made in the Revenue Service proper.

With the right men for District-Attorneys in New-York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans, the Revenue laws can be enforced, and the taxes on whisky and tobacco collected. With a majority of these places filled with corrupt or inefficient men, success will be greatly imperilled if not entirely defeated.

Knowing the conscientious efforts that the President elect has made to inform himself thoroughly upon the workings of the Revenue Service, we are sure that he will at once recognize—if he has not already done so—the vital necessity of so filling *all* the offices that have any direct bearing on the collection of the internal tax as to secure a harmonious coöperation of the various officers of the Government, in the interests of energy, honesty and the conviction and punishment of the wretches who have for four years robbed the country under every pretext that a crafty and criminal imagination could invent.

Count Bismarck and Napoleon—The Prospects of Peace in Europe.

The war-clouds seem once more to be gathering in Europe. With the approach of the campaigning season, Herr VON BISMARCK has resumed his position as the foremost man in North Germany—trusted at Berlin, supreme in the Chambers, and more impatient than ever of either opposition to his designs or delay in their execution. His language with regard to the recalcitrant North German Princes who refuse to accept their situation was at once contemptuous and ferocious in a degree hitherto almost unparalleled, even at Berlin. In advocating the sequestration of the private property of the King of Hanover and the Elector of Hesse Cassel, he defended the system of espionage by which their designs against the Government had been brought to light, and spoke of the necessity of "pursuing those reptiles into their holes"—i. e., following them up by means of spies in the countries where they are sheltered, in order "to see what they are about." "Reptiles" is a strong word when applied to Ex-Sovereigns whose only offence is that they clung as long as they could to "rights" at least as "divine" as those of the House of Hohenzollern, and now waste their time on ineffectual protests, and their money on a "Hanoverian Legion," which may figure on paper as a magnificent body of uniformed and decorated chivalry, but which cannot possibly afford Prussia any serious disquietude. And in taunting his old opponent, Herr VIRCHOW, with his unwillingness to recognize danger in the attitude of France, he used the following words:

"I am in danger, I say, of being told that I am a prophet of evil, and that I am constantly speaking of a dagger being directed against our breast which that honorable gentleman cannot see. It is my comfort that there was a time when that honorable gentleman could not see hundreds of thousands of bayonets which were clear enough to the eyes of everybody else. The sleepy chamberlain of King Duncan did not see the dagger in the hands of Macbeth; but it is the duty of those who have to watch over the interests of a great nation to keep awake and watchful. I say peace seemed to be threatened; and I may add that it was threatened through a misunderstanding. The danger of the situation has decreased since the Ministry of the Danubian Principalities was changed, and other events have drawn attention in other directions."

"The danger of the situation has decreased," but the mode of stating the fact does not tend to calm Germany, conciliate France or reassure Europe. In fact, critics of an alarmist tendency of mind might not unreasonably draw the conclusion that the precise reverse of all these effects was intended. Certain it is that the German Press is excited, and the French Press driven into frenzy by the last quoted speech, which, to the latter at least, reads like a veiled defiance. There are rumors too of signs once more of warlike agitation in Roumania, which under Prince CHARLES of Hohenzollern is widely regarded in Southeastern Europe as a crater through which volcanic agencies emanating from Berlin may at any time be manifested.

Taken together, it is impossible to disregard the dangerous aspect of these recent signs of the times. Although last year passed over, after all, without an outbreak, nothing occurred that can fairly be said to have brought a permanent pacification nearer to hand. On the other side of the question it may be argued that the very imminence of the crisis last year, and the rapidity with which the public alarm subsided after pacific assurances had once been exchanged, may be regarded as good reasons for hoping that the dangers to the peace of Europe which are now threatened may be dispelled in the same way. We still refuse to believe that either the Emperor NAPOLEON or the Prussian people desire war—the cautious anxiety for the security of his dynasty of the one, and the patient confidence in their own future of the other, tend to forbid the supposition. The danger, we fear, lies in the arrogance of Count BISMARCK and the impulsive sensitiveness of the French people. On one side a pacific ruler and a proud and warlike people; on the other an ambitious and imperious statesman flushed with success and brutal with consciousness of power, and an equally proud, though less impetuous people—such we fancy are the elements of the situation. For the sake of the peace and prosperity of Europe generally, it is to be hoped that the statesmanship of NAPOLEON, and the self-restraint of the German people may avert the threatened danger.

Senator Sherman and Mr. Hooper's Bill.

The reputable portion of the financial community has protested with great unanimity against the Treasury practice of selling gold secretly, and negotiating the sale of bonds, through the intervention of brokers, at the cost of heavy commissions. Bankers and business men in all the leading cities have entreated Congress to take from the Treasury the power of playing into the hands of favored speculators by secret issues of bonds and secret sales of gold. They have asked that the authority under which the amount of gold interest-bearing bonds has been largely and unwisely increased shall be restrained—that the Treasury, when it has gold to sell, shall sell it openly—and that its officers shall themselves perform the service for which others have been largely paid. These amendments have been urged as well to promote economy and improve the public credit as to prevent the recurrence of transactions which have brought disgrace upon Treasury management.

All these points are covered by Mr. HOOPER's bill, which the House promptly passed on the 18th February. It may not be absolutely necessary to avert under Gen. GRANT the mismanagement which has too often characterized the Treasury under the present Administration; but it gives the form and force of law to a policy which has the approval of sound financiers throughout the country, and tends most surely to improve the national credit.

This measure, valuable as are its provisions, and strong as is its indorsement by the public, lingers in the Senate Committee. Mr. SHERMAN might any day report it and enable the Senate to pass judgment on its merits, but he allows it to sleep. It is, of course, unpalatable to him personally. It demolishes his pet crotchet, and plays havoc with the speculative interests and the Treasury practices which he is willing to perpetuate. These are reasons why he should vote against and speak against it in the Senate, but they furnish no excuse for his attempt to kill it in committee. It is altogether too important to be sacrificed at the bidding of those who profit by the present system, or to enable Mr. SHERMAN to air hobbies for which the country has no liking.

Departmental Responsibility—The Condition of its Executive.

The remarks attributed to Gen. GRANT with all the appearance of truth, in regard to minor appointments, indicate the clearness of vision and the integrity of purpose which will govern the practical details of his administration. As a soldier, he learned the necessity of associating power with responsibility and duty with the conditions essential to its efficient exercise. As President, he intends to introduce the same principle into the management of the Departments. The head of each will be clothed with the authority requisite for the vigorous and faithful performance of its duties, and will be held accountable for the capacity and conduct of his subordinates.

One of the political misfortunes of late years has been the tendency of the President to take cognizance of all appointments. High or low, great or small, he has busied himself with them to an extent which must have been as vexatious personally as it has been injurious to the public service. Personal and partisan considerations have been paramount. There have been friends to reward and enemies to punish, and with these objects to be fulfilled, the real needs of the Departments have been overlooked. In this manner, the system which has demoralized our politics, and degraded and impaired our civil service, has reached its climax. The time and energies of the President have been frittered away with the details of appointments and removals, of which the departmental chiefs are alone competent to judge.

This great scandal and most disastrous evil Gen. GRANT means as far as possible to end. He will not consent to be the dispenser of small patronage. He will not take cognizance of the paltry business of office-hunting or the petty particulars of the Departments. He will not give heed to the herd of impudent politicians, who on the plea of party service claim the right to control local appointments. It is not in his power, unfortunately, to purge this stain from our system of government; for that relief the country must rely upon civil service reform on the basis of Mr. JENCKES' bill or some similar measure. So far as he can, however, Gen. GRANT intends to turn the office-hunting stream from the White House, and to purify the manner of making appointments by leaving the heads of Departments to scrutinize applications and make the recommendations on which he will act.

A new element of responsibility will thus be secured. As matters now stand, only nominal responsibily exists anywhere. The Executive cannot possibly be competent to determine the fitness of individuals who are thrust upon him, nor can the Secretaries fairly be made accountable for the unworthiness of subordinates whom they appoint at his instance. One of the most valuable guarantees of general efficiency is in this way destroyed. The result we have in the corruption and incompetency of the civil service, and the conflict as to responsibility, which are among the disgraceful incidents of the day. The virtual transfer of the appointing business to the Cabinet officers will of itself be a wholesome change. It will make their selection of subordinates, from heads of Bureaus downward, a duty, the consequences of which they cannot hope to evade. They will have the power they should have to insure efficiency, and the public will know to whom censure belongs if the working of the Departments be not as it ought to be.

The theory on which Gen. GRANT's action will rest is impregnable. It will make responsible authority a verity by concentrating it in hands best fitted to use it wisely, and will enable the President to gather about him as advisers a higher order of men than is always possible when Cabinet officers amount to nothing more than Executive clerks. In their relation to him, they will be masters of the personnel of the Departments whose affairs they respectively administer.

The complete efficacy of the reform, however, is in a large degree contingent upon the doings of the Senate. The law which cripples the President and strengthens the knaves' tenure of office will equally obstruct the path of the Secretary who would purify his Department. Mere clerks he may dismiss at pleasure; but the higher grade of subordinates whose misconduct brings odium upon the Government, are fortified in their positions by the pride and obstinacy of the Senate. If the rascalities now complained of be not abated, and the officials compromised be not removed, the country will know whom to blame. The House has done what it could to enable Gen. GRANT to carry out his ideas of efficiency and responsibility; the Senate takes the rascals into its keeping, in order that it may retain opportunities of thwarting him and his policy. The Senate, in short, has constituted itself the bulwark behind which untrustworthy officials may for a time mock the policy on which Gen. GRANT proposes to proceed, and nullify the doctrine of responsibility on which he desires to organize his Cabinet. Senators may equivocate and explain, but from this ugly fact there is no escape while the Tenure-of-Office acts remains upon the statute book.

The Mexican Troubles—Robbers, Not Rebels.

We are now told that while the late "uprisings" throughout Mexico, and especially through all the Pacific States, were not exaggerated in the former news, the motive of a part of them was at that time wrongly reported. Plunder, not politics, was, it appears, the moving spring in some of these demonstrations, and even the object of Gen. NEGRETE's *pronunciamiento* at Puebla was to capture a train with $3,000,000 in gold, which was on the road from the City of Mexico for Vera Cruz.

This news the Mexican Government announces with great satisfaction for the benefit of mankind in general and of the United States in particular. NEGRETE's movement "had no political purpose whatever." It is not rebels but robbers that haunt the highways and menace the mints, seizing a conduct here, a city there, and rendering travel and property-holding a peril throughout Mexico. It is *only* robbers—nothing more. Had there been insurrection in the Puebla stroke, the Government of JUAREZ would have been alarmed; but, as for mere brigandage—bah! people are used to that in the "sister Republic," and it is not worth thinking of.

The truth is, that three-fifths of Mexico is practically under the domination of organized gangs of robbers. NEGRETE's capture of Puebla with 500 followers, and their dispersing on the approach of Government troops, is only an illustration on a larger scale of daily life and experience in Mexico. From the Indian bandit-chiefs in their rocky mountain fastnesses to NEGRETE in the streets of Puebla, the footpad is the pest and peril of society, and especially of travel. The Government may think it is fine to reflect that it is only robbery—not rebellion—that menaces the State; but the difference to the happiness and prosperity of the people is not striking.

There is one remarkable, and perhaps hopeful, item, however, in the last Mexican news. GUTIERREZ (who once commanded, we believe, the Fourth Division in the Mexican Army, and turned professional footpad and kidnapper, in order to make a better income,) was lately captured in Durango, where, at the head of his gang, he has been robbing right and left. "He attempted to make his escape," says the account, "by bribing his guard, offering them $64,000, *but without effect*." We confess that we are exceedingly incredulous about this story. It would certainly be a Mexican miracle, if true. *If* true, however, it is evidence of a brighter day for Mexico, and let us therefore hope that there may be some shadow of foundation in the strange story.

Judge Bedford's Charge.

In his charge to the Grand Jury, yesterday, at the opening of the March Term of the Court of General Sessions, City Judge BEDFORD took occasion to speak of some of the alarming phases which have recently characterized crime in this City, and asserted that a "standing battle now exists between the authorities and the violators of law." We are glad to have this assurance from his Honor, and trust that the vigor and determination which have marked the conduct of his colleague, Recorder HACKETT, and the prosecuting officers of the county, during the last month, in dealing with offenders, will not be intermitted until the dangerous classes have found out that their misdeeds are no longer to be committed with impunity. Let the penalty of crime always be prompt and sure, and the stigma which has been justly fastened upon the fair fame of the City by the daring outrages of unpunished thieves and ruffians will soon be removed.

Judge BEDFORD rather takes exception to the very general opinion that the recent course of our criminal Magistrates demonstrates that they are at last arousing to the necessity of vigilance and to the understanding of the responsibilities with which they are clothed. He argues that there never has been any laxity on the part of the Magistrates, and makes the unwillingness of citizens to serve as jurors the scape-goat of any shortcomings which have been connected with the administration of our criminal affairs.

We can only half agree with the conclusions of Judge BEDFORD in this respect. The selfishness and recreancy of jurors have had, indeed, much to do with the slow course of justice, but the partiality and remissness of officials have been far more detrimental to the public interests than the lack of zeal on the part of jurors. The faults of the latter are the outgrowth of an imperfect and unfair system; those of the officials can be directly traced to the influences of partisan politics.

In one point, however—perhaps the most important which the charge contains—we heartily concur with all that Judge BEDFORD says. He refers to the need of reforming the existing code of criminal procedure by stripping the laws of their "cumbrous and faulty formulas, which are entirely unsuited to the age." This done, there can be no doubt that the administration of justice would be simplified and facilitated; and we share Judge BEDFORD's hopes that the present Legislature will adopt the new Code, which has been for many years prepared—framed by a commission of the most talented and experienced members of the Bar,—but the passage of which opposing influences have hitherto succeeded in defeating.

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. SMITH (John) arrived in Washington yesterday, and soon afterward had an "interview" with Gen. GRANT. It is rumored that the business of Mr. SMITH was to obtain an invitation to accept a seat in Gen. GRANT's Cabinet but SMITH himself is very reticent on the subject, and refuses to say whether he has concluded to accept the offer which he thinks GRANT may conclude to make. SMITH gave Gen. GRANT his "views" on the *finances*, which showed him to be well fitted for the Treasury Department; he also gave his views on our *foreign* relations, which indicated his remarkable adaptation to the Department of State; his views on *army* affairs, which agreed exactly with those attributed to GRANT, proved him properly qualified to be Secretary of War; and in like manner when he touched on Postal, Legal and Naval affairs, (on all of which he was desirous that GRANT should hear his "views;") he demonstrated his ability to fill the place of Postmaster-General, Attorney-General, or Secretary of the Navy. We ourselves are entirely in favor of the appointment of SMITH, but we are not yet prepared to say to what place.

POOR LAMARTINE has passed away at last. For years past, the mind of the great French sentimentalist—who was a poet by nature and a politician by accident—has suffered from a decay as lamentable as that which previously overtook his fortune, and we have heard nothing of him but occasional wails over his fate and appeals for relief. Though he failed as a statesman, it was at a time when failure was fate; and his genius as a writer will cause him to be mourned in France as BERANGER was mourned.

The language that has been used in this country against the *Alabama* Treaty with England, points, not to a different form of treaty, but directly to war; and on this question the *Saturday Review* (London) says:

"Yet it is incredible that any serious politician in the United States should contemplate, after years of negotiation ending in the concession of almost every American demand, so totally unprovoked resort to arms. It is, indeed, by latest menaces that American diplomacy has succeeded in alarming the timid portion of the English community, including, perhaps, more than one statesman high in office; but there is a limit to the concessions which might be preferable to a rupture. If the treaty is not ratified, there ought to be no hurry in recommencing negotiations. After approaching to the verge of humiliation in its anxiety for justice and conciliation, the English Government has thrown upon the United States the responsibility of recklessly keeping the quarrel open. No great importance should be attached to the wilful retention of a pretext for war. Grave as the evils of war would be, it would be better for England to see it than to submit to intolerable degradation. A war gratuitously commenced for the purpose of avenging on England the recognition of belligerency which was simultaneously accorded by France, and two or three weeks later by every European Power, including Russia, would be an outrage revolting to the moral sense of mankind; and ultimately it would not go unpunished."

Before rejecting the treaty, the Senate should indicate distinctly its grounds of dissatisfaction, and the new demands that are to be made upon England. The people should comprehend exactly where the Government stands, and the position it is prepared to take in regard to this long outstanding question, which must some day in some way be settled.

Two months ago a gentleman named ROGERS was murdered at the door of his house in this City. For a while, a great noise was made about catching his murderers and executing summary justice in the case. Latterly, however, all interest in the matter seems to have died out, and the public are rapidly forgetting the occurrence in the rush of new events. Have the resources of the authorities actually been exhausted, and is the case to pass into the list of undetected murders.

Day after to-morrow, GRANT had better look out for his pocket-book, and COLFAX for his watch, and SHERMAN for his gold studs, and each member of Congress for his diamond ring, and everybody for any valuables they may have about their person. Large delegations of the most expert pickpockets have gone on to Washington to attend the inauguration, and some of them are sharp enough to steal a man's clothes from his back. Their harvest will, of course, be reaped from rural visitors, but everybody had better be on the lookout.

The Customs revenue of the Government at this port during the last week reached nearly three-fourths of a million a day; and for all February showed an increase of nearly two and a half millions, as compared with February of last year. Washington dispatches report the aggregate coin reserve of the Treasury Department at ninety-eight millions, and the currency balance at about thirteen and a half millions. At the close of January the coin reserve was eighty-eight and three-fourths millions, and the currency balance seventeen and a half millions. The coin and currency balances of the United States Sub-Treasury on Saturday were $89,540,000, against $88,870,000 at the end of January.

New-York has something to learn from her young sister metropolis, Cleveland, which has been just setting up one of the readiest, cheapest and most popular institutions of science and literature. Cleveland has set up a free library, under one of the best laws of Ohio, which authorizes a tax of one-tenth of a mill to be levied

York could easily get up a score of such libraries, and perhaps a few of them may, in the long run, do more to civilize our young barbarians than the additional six hundred men now proposed as a reinforcement of the present Police army.

We did not intend yesterday to speak of our groaning "over the decay of the 'legitimate' drama," for we don't know that that furnishes any cause of groaning. The proof-reader who thus distorted our grief over the "decay of the drama," and who at the same time gave BOOTH'S Hamlet one of the "largest" instead of the longest runs, is responsible for the dreadful groaning of the distracted readers of our enigmatical topic yesterday.

It is amusing to see the different members of the Bourbon families putting forth their claims, arguing their case, displaying their merits and making pitiful appeals in their own behalf through the newspapers. It's all up with the ancient, gorgeous and terrible dynasty of the Bourbons when they have to beg for recognition through the newspapers. It's all up with divine right. It's all up with poor old royalty.

The well-known ruffian A assaulted and robbed the respectable stranger B. The Police succeeded in arresting A, who immediately gave "bail" and was released, but B was locked up in the House of Detention, where he will find himself well punished during his incarceration. This curious item, with slight variations, is constantly appearing in the newspapers of this City.

Mr. GLADSTONE spoke like an oracle recently, at the Fishmonger's Hall dinner to Her Majesty's Ministers, setting forth his purposes in general terms. But his grand design was sufficiently foreshadowed as one which would undo the old policy of England regarding Ireland and Irishmen, and put the latter on a level with Englishmen and Scotchmen,—thereby helping to turn the respectable history of England into a sort of "old almanac." Times are greatly changed when Earl SPENCER, the Viceroy, hobnobs familiarly at a banquet with Cardinal CULLEN, as at the Dublin Mansion House the other day. A Catholic—O'HAGAN—is Lord Chancellor of Ireland; and in a year or two a Catholic may sit in the seat of Chancellor MORE without any inordinate anxiety about the head on his shoulders.

A French Dr. BUISSON, in the magazine called *La Ferme*, says he himself had hydrophobia caught from the bite of a dog, and cured himself with a Russian vapor bath heated to fifty-seven degrees, centigrade. Unless the man is a downright cheat, there is probably something in this vapor-action relieving the circulation through the pores of the skin; and it should be remembered by those who may, at any time, have to deal with a case of hydrophobia. This is not the first time those vapor baths have been spoken of as an effective cure of that terrible malady.

The Popedom does not seem to "bate a jot of heart or hope." A review of the Roman army, as a pretty significant hint for the Garibaldians and other *carbonari*, made a splendid feature of the late Carnival festivities at Rome. And now it is stated that the Ecumenical Council will, next Autumn, arrange for the election of all future Popes, during the life of incumbents, in order, of course, to guard against that danger of swapping horses in the very act of crossing the stream, which Mr. LINCOLN so shrewdly warned people against. A hitch in the conclave, a "ring" (Fisherman's) of *ultramontane* Bishops, or a row in the street, might result from the present custom; and the powers that be seem prepared to forestall any such *contretemps*.

A letter from Frankfort to the Louisville *Courier-Journal* says it is believed there, by parties likely to be well informed, that Ex-President BUCHANAN does not desire a nomination for Governor of Tennessee, but that he will seek an election from that State to the United States Senate, and will canvass the State with a view to that end in the campaign next Summer. He will be very likely to carry his point if he does. He is powerful in a popular canvass, and is said never to have been defeated.

One by one the products of foreign and domestic cultivation are finding themselves at home in California, taking root and growing—both agriculturally and commercially speaking. Smyrna and Naples have been the delicious names associated with the fragrant fig; but in California the native dried figs are crowding the foreign importations from the market, and soon some enterprising merchant will be sending them to New-York, and perhaps to Europe. If California grain should go abroad and find welcome, why not her fruit? In the name of the Profit, Figs!

Gov. HUNT, of Colorado, despairing of much aid from the army, proposes that "every man between Cheyenne and Trinidad," see to it that he has a good gun and plenty of ammunition, and use them in all emergencies; he suggests that this is the best way to deal with the Indians. Clearly enough this is precisely what it will come to, if Congress leaves the matter in its present unsatisfactory condition. A private war which will probably end in the murder of a great many frontier settlers, with their families, and the ultimate extermination of the Indians, is the prospect ahead just now.

In the present session of the British Parliament the question of voting by ballot is to be brought forward by the distinguished diplomatist, Sir HENRY BULWER; and there is now a better prospect of the ballot passing into law than at any previous time during the many years of its discussion. The London *Review* says that the ballot has "passed from the category of things that *cannot* be to the category of things that *must* be;" and though it will be strongly opposed by the Tories, who have been furnished with arguments against it by JOHN STUART MILL, the Liberals feel assured of its success under GLADSTONE'S Administration.

One phase of the foreign demand for United States bonds is the increasing partiality of thrifty people in England for five-twenties, which pay six dollars a year, in coin, on each eighty-two dollars invested in them. It is not probable that, with the assurance which the Schenck bill specifically gives of the ultimate honorable liquidation of the public indebtedness, the mass of even English investors will hesitate to buy United States six per cent, coin bonds, at any figure under the prevailing market price for British three per cents, which stand, in London at 93.

It has always been a notable fact that the new States of the West are less conservative and more ready to test the "varieties of untried being" than the people of the East—than even Massachusetts herself. Here we have the Legislature of Nevada, a State yet in the gristle, *almost* adopting the law of female suffrage—seventeen being for it, while twenty-one were against it. Three votes improperly tampered with in the lobby might have established a very startling state of things—an actual beat from which the advocates of the sex could make an effective advance in their demands for more everywhere.

"The primary cause of the calamities of Spain," says NAPIER, in his *History of the Peninsular War*, "was the despotism arising from the union of a superstitious Court with a sanguinary priesthood." The superstitious Court has now been cleared out from Spain, and the sanguinary priesthood are being taught a lesson well calculated to change their ideas of the ecclesiastical necessities of the nineteenth century.

OBITUARY.

Alphonse de Lamartine.

LAMARTINE, the great French poet and historian, died in Paris yesterday in the 79th year of his age. The brief announcement of his death will be found in our cable dispatches, and will carry sadness to the heart of every reader. LAMARTINE was born at Mâcon, Oct. 21, 1791. His family name was PRAT, but he early adopted the name of his maternal uncle, LAMARTINE, who left him a considerable fortune, in return for which the poet made the name a household word in every land. His full name was ALPHONSE MARIE LOUIS PRAT DE LAMARTINE. His father, a Captain in the Light Horse, refusing to join hands with the Terrorists, left Paris about the year 1794, with his wife and children, was arrested at Mâcon and thrown into a dungeon, where he remained till the 9th Thermidor,—but a few months,—when there was another change in revolutionary France. The Captain feared another tempest, and retired to the old Château de Milly, in the midst of the wildest scenes of nature. There a beautiful, tender, devout, high-souled mother taught the young poet to read from the Bible, and took him with her in her visits of charity to the neighboring poor. Fit school for the infancy of genius! His little hands were filled with precious gifts for the needy; with lisping voice he read the story of Joseph; nature spoke to him from the hills and the fields; and God spoke to him through the soul of a worshiping mother. At eight years of age he was sent to complete his education at Belley, in the College of the Pères de la Foi, which was in the hands of the Jesuits. The poet there put forth, as it were spontaneously, his wings, and bore away the prizes at the end of each year.

His college studies finished, the military father was for having his first-born embrace a career of arms. Not so thought the gentle mother. She sent him to pass some time with his relatives at Lyons, and permission was also granted him to travel with them in Italy. Impatient of the restraint laid upon him by his traveling companions, he wrote home to obtain the privilege of journaying alone. He did not wait for a reply. At 18 years of age he found himself master of his own movements, in a land full of enchantment for all, especially for one so imaginative and so young. A first tenor of the San Carlo at Naples was met on the road, traveling with his young nephew, of the same age with LAMARTINE. The two young people took a sudden liking to each other, talked together unmusically, and at night used each others' shoulders in the carriage as pillows to sleep upon. The next morning, at Rome, the young traveler was awakened by the voice of his companion. He opened the door, and found a beautiful Roman girl, who smiled at his astonishment, and told him that a change in dress did not imply a change of heart.

LAMARTINE arrived at Naples, and his purse was exhausted. Fortune favors the brave; he found there a young classmate who had been provided by a rich father with ample credit upon the banking-houses of Italy. The two friends walked by the Bay of Naples, and along the Mergellina. The *belle Romaine* was soon forgotten. The young poet found there GRAZIELLA. Poor child of the South! hard was thy lot although thy name has been placed high in the temple of fame, and beneath it has been written by a poetic hand a mournful eulogy, every word of which is a mingled sigh and tear.

After about three years' absence, the romantic wanderer returned to the paternal roof. The family, in the meantime, had returned to Mâcon. The father saw nothing but the more developed youth. The mother, with woman's instinct, read the history of his heart in his pale face. She put her beautiful hand upon his mouth, when he was in his *naïve* confidence, about to describe to her the object of his grief, and asks him what he will now do when a dreamy, monotonous and void existence exposes him to culpable passions of the heart. The fortune of the family is narrow; if her tears could be turned to gold, how she would enrich him! He would go to Paris, that city of all illusions, and pursue the vocation of literature. His father allowed him a pension of twelve hundred francs a year, which was not enough to defray the necessary expenses of the gay and costly metropolis. The mother slipped secretly into his hand a large diamond, the last of the jewels of her youth. Poor mother! What would you not have done for the boy upon whom you proudly built such high hopes!

To Paris went the young man of 22, armed with plenty of introductions to influential people. His opinions were not yet settled. Conversing with TALMA about a tragedy of "Saul," he was, for the moment, a Bonapartist—dancing with the most *spirituelle* women the civilized world affords, in the Faubourg Saint Germain, he became an enthusiastic Legitimist. Soon he grew weary of the elegant dissipations of the gayest capital of Europe, and, haunted by the dear shadows of the past, returned to Italy. He stood alone by the shore where he had stood with his GRAZIELLA. He poured out his soul in poetic *Méditations*, full of dreamy sweetness, and all alive with gentle, plaintive melody, as the warm Summer air is musical with innumerable humming insects. While he was calling, like a lonely bird, his lost mate along the shores of the bay of Naples, news reached him of the invasion of France by the allied armies, and of the restablishment of the Bourbons on the throne. Our melancholy poet went post-haste to Paris, charmed his military father by entering the Guards, but threw down the sword during the Hundred Days, and did not resume it when LOUIS XVIII. traversed the silent field of Waterloo to take possession of the Tuileries.

Then, it was that LAMARTINE had a real love. It was no longer the wild passion of the boy, but the calm affection of the man. But five years after the death of GRAZIELLA, the "lean fellow that beats all conquerors" also embraced his adored ELVIRE. He loved her with a genuine affection, and when her eyes closed to the visible world, a part of his own being seemed to awaken in the world invisible. Henceforth he was a Christian. A malady seized upon his weary body, but an unspeakable peace took possession of his soul. He burned all his poems that contained questionable sentiments, for the man, having become spiritual, could no longer relish the sensual.

His first *Méditations* were prepared; but the poet had to wait two years before finding a publisher. At length his manuscript was taken by a *libraire* named NICOLLE, who, thinking to bestow a favor at his own probable loss, made his fortune. The volume appeared in 1820, and in less than two years the publisher sold forty-five thousand copies. It was anonymous, yet LAMARTINE'S name was soon known from end to end of Europe. CHATEAUBRIAND said of one poem in the collection, the "Ode to Byron," "it is worth more than the whole of my *Genius of Christianity*."

Henceforth fortune smiled upon the young poet. He went to Florence, attached to the French Legation. He there found again a beautiful *Angiolina*, whom he had previously met at the baths of Aix. In two months they were married. She gave him a true woman's heart, and she brought him a large dowery. Soon after, in 1823, appeared his second volume of *Méditations*. The Government rewarded him with the cross for the "Ode à Bonaparte" and the "Chant du Sacre," which the volume contained. An uncle, in the meantime died and left him a considerable fortune. He was successively sent as Secretary of Legation to London and to Naples. Finally he returned to Florence as Chargé d'Affaires. On his return to Paris he published, in 1829, the *Poetic and Religious Harmonies*.

The Government was upon the point—which opened the way for his admission to the Academy the next year—of sending M. DE LAMARTINE as Minister Plenipotentiary to Greece, when the revolution of July broke out. The poetic diplomatist, instead of setting out for the land of HOMER and PINDAR, retired to his chateau of Saint Point, which had been left him by his uncle. He was somewhat restless in his retreat, and made delicate overtures to be returned to the Chamber. MERY and BARTHELEMY in the *Nemésis* applied hot irons or political satire to the shrinking flesh of the sensitive poet, and the electors of Toulon and Dunkerque refused to return him.

Then it was that the author of *Meditations* embarked with his family for the East. All the world has read the *Voyage en Orient*, and knows the story of his visit to Lady ESTHER STANHOPE, niece of WILLIAM PITT, who had become an Oriental astrologist, who examined, not the palm, but the foot, of LAMARTINE, and predicted to him an exalted destiny. On that memorable voyage, too, he lost his daughter JULIA, the jewel of his life.

After his return to France, the electors of Dunkerque were more favorable, and he was sent as *Deputé* to the *Chambre*. The poet there improvised pathetically and sublimely, and men listened to the music. Many Frenchmen of all parties have spoken satirically of that music, but it was the voice of humanity—a voice that is the echo of a throbbing human heart that men listen to even when they know not why. The same music was in the *Girondins*, which king and courtier heard with breathless, indefinable terror, which filled the susceptible hearts of the children of France with a new sentiment of liberty. That music was not only heard within the walls inclosing a legislative body, but it resounded from end to end of France. During the reform movement of 1848 at the Hotel de Ville, the most tumultuous populace instantly grew calm and silent, to listen for a moment to that music. "Citizens, the red flag that you bring us has never made any but the tour of the Champ de Mars, trailed in the people's blood, and the tri-colored flag has made the tour of the world with the name, the glory, and the liberty of our country!" France was saved by music—such music as a great heart makes upon honest lips—such music as men will pause in the midst of carnage to hear.

After the revolution of that year he became a member of the Provisional Government as Minister for Foreign Affairs. His popularity for a time was very great, and at the election he was returned for no less than ten different departments. He was, with his colleagues, driven from power in June of that year, and at the election for 1849 was entirely omitted in the returns. After the *coup d'état* in December, 1851, LAMARTINE retired to private life, and thenceforward devoted himself to literary pursuits.

In his later years LAMARTINE was poor. He had been both extravagant and over-generous. At Florence, at London, at Naples, he lived beyond his income. He had a vessel fitted up at his own expense for his journey to the East, the expense of which journey was not less than half a million of francs. His benevolence completed his ruin. He was the acknowledged head of the republican party at Paris, and many a poor follower lived upon his generosity. A well-known man wrote to him the laconic letter:—"I am dying with hunger." LAMARTINE responded:—"I have five hundred francs; here they are—pardon me for doing so little with all my heart." A faithful and very intimate friend one day entered the modest house occupied by M. and Mme. DE LAMARTINE, and pleasantly demanded the keys. "I will be the factotum," he said, "I will hold the purse." The *secretaire* was locked and the friend went away with the key in his pocket. There soon entered a woman begging for the poor. Mme. DE LAMARTINE ordered the lock to be broken, extracted 800 francs in bills, and gave them for the parish poor. LAMARTINE looked on approving and smiling. The friend entered soon after, and found them without anything to dine upon.

At this time he was dependent upon his pen for his daily bread—and his daily charity. He wrote an incredible quantity, and received for his writings incredible sums. He wrote, too with incredible swiftness. The editor of a journal went to him one day to obtain an extract from the *Girondins*. Nothing was ready, and he wrote enough to make three columns, in a half hour, while talking with the editor. He improvised always, and his histories are chiefly valuable for the music in them. In *Raphael*, *Geneviève*, *Toussaint-Louverture*, the *Histoire de la Restauration*, the *Constituente*, in everything, it is the voice of the poet that we love to hear.

The vanity of M. DE LAMARTINE was as sublime as his nature! His vanity, like his nature again, was kindly. If he loved to receive extravagant praise, he also took pleasure in bestowing it. A young lady said to him one evening, during the reign of Democracy, "You are about to be made President of the Republic." "No," he responded, "that belongs to VICTOR HUGO; I shall be President of the Universal Republic." The large-headed egotist saw, in his splendid dream, all Europe united in one Republic, and himself benignly guiding its destiny. His vanity, too, was fed with the most extravagant praise. One of the most beautiful women of Paris cried out, kissing his hand: "FRANKLIN said to VOLTAIRE, God and Liberty; I say God and LAMARTINE." The *salons* of the Faubourg St. Germain might well turn the heads of stronger men than LAMARTINE in those days.

LAMARTINE was brave as well as generous, laborious and vain. Real courage alone enabled him to face the enraged populace at the Hotel de Ville. When he was Chargé d'Affaires at Florence, an Italian Colonel abruptly entered his room one morning, and demanded whether he had written certain lines in the *Dernier Chant du Pelerinage d'Harold*—one of LAMARTINE'S poems. The lines bitterly lamented the degeneracy of the Italians. The Colonel read the offensive passage, and demanded the poet to efface them or he would himself efface them with his sword. The author calmly responded: "I sometimes yield to a prayer, but never to a threat." They fought in the very garden of the Embassy, and LAMARTINE received a wound so grave that he was for some weeks between life and death.

In private life LAMARTINE was worthy of all praise. If he was vain before men he was humble before God. His open purse, open heart and open mouth blessed hungry multitudes, while no one had cause to complain of his hatred.

LAMARTINE was a prolific writer, and among many other works was author of *Le Génie du Christianisme*, *Trois Mois du Pouvoir*, published in 1848; *Histoire de la Revolution de 1848*, in 1849; *Histoire de la Restauration*, 1851-53; *Histoire de la Turquie*, in 1855, and *Histoire de la Russie*, in 1855.

Wyman B. S. Moor.

The death of Mr. WYMAN B. S. MOOR, formerly United States Senator from Maine, is announced as having occurred yesterday in Virginia. Mr. MOOR was born in Waterville, Me., Nov. 3, 1814. He graduated at Waterville College, studied law at Cambridge, and was admitted to the Bar in 1834. Entering earnestly into politics, he joined the Democrat ranks and was elected to the State Legislature in 1839, and subsequently became Attorney-General of the State. In 1848 he was appointed to succeed JOHN FAIRFIELD in the United States Senate, and served out that term. In 1857 he was appointed by President BUCHANAN Consul-General for the British American Provinces. In later years he was largely identified with the railroad interests of his State. He had recently gone to Virginia for his health, where he died.

Hannibal Hamlin as a Private Soldier.

A recent letter from Portsmouth, N. H., tells the following:

"In the year 1862, during the dark days of the war, there might have been seen at Fort McClary, in Kittery, Me., and at the mouth of our harbor, a soldier who performed all the duties of a private in the ranks and a guard, and was not even clothed with the power of a fourth corporal—but who, in the event of the death of President LINCOLN, would have at once become the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States—and yet with that necessary consciousness, he was willing to place himself in the position of a common soldier, bear their hardships, share with them in their messes, bear about him his own tin dipper and reside in their barracks. This was the position of Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, then Vice-President of the United States, and private in the Maine State Guard Company A, of Bangor, now United States Senator elect. Thus a sound-headed man unblemished by the features of the simplicity of our institutions and the beauties of republicanism."

Gov. Geary on Dictation to Gen. Grant.

From the Harrisburg (Penn.) State Guard, March 1.

GOV. GEARY, on Saturday afternoon, received a telegraphic dispatch from New-York informing him that a meeting of Republicans from Pennsylvania was about to be held at the Astor House, relative to the appointment by Gen. GRANT of a Pennsylvanian for a Cabinet officer, and asking the opinion of the Governor in regard to his choice in this particular. He immediately replied, in substance, that as Gen. GRANT had to bear the pains, penalties and responsibilities of the Presidential office, he should be left free to select his coadjutors and subordinates, without let or hindrance, dictation, instruction or interference of any kind, or from any source, whatever.

The Catholic Church Troubles in Auburn.

From the Rochester Chronicle, March 1.

The disturbance in the Church of the Holy Family at Auburn, over the order of Bishop McQUAID supplanting Rev. Mr. O'FLAHERTY and supplying his place with Rev. Mr. KAVANAUGH, has not yet concluded. Bishop McQUAID was in town yesterday morning, and at the 9 o'clock meeting Rev. Mr. O'FLAHERTY commenced the service. The Bishop and Rev. Mr. KAVANAUGH went to the church, and finding him there, ordered him outside of the altar railings. He refused to obey the order, insisting that he was still pastor of the church. The Bishop then said he "would not have service to-day, (yesterday,) and retired to another church, delivering an address in which Rev. Mr. O'FLAHERTY was censured for his rebellious conduct. The same parties were in attendance that were present the previous Sunday, and some of the Auburn Police were on hand to prevent any outbreak.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Miss KELLOGG made her *rentrée* here last evening, and was the recipient of a hearty and sincere welcome from the largest audience of the season. The opera was "Faust," a work in which the lady is widely known. Her conception of the character of *Marguerite* is poetic, passionate and picturesque—picturesque even to small particulars. No one has determined precisely what *Marguerite* should be, but we are persuaded that few would object to the *Marguerite* so delightfully limned by Miss KELLOGG. The *rôle* has always been one of her best. It gave her character, individuality and position at once in Europe, and amid the many *Marguerites* will find a lasting place in musical history. We have spoken so frequently of Miss KELLOGG in this part, that it is only necessary now to say that she was in excellent voice, and never sang or appeared to greater advantage.

The general distribution of the opera was fair. Herr HABELMANN sang in Italian. A facetious notice to that effect was inserted in the programme—as though it were an unusual thing in Italian opera to hear the Italian language. He sang well and was warmly applauded. Signor ANTONUCCI was the *Mephistopheles*. The free, beautiful, clear and sympathetic voice of this artist has never been sufficiently recognized in this part. He does not possess dramatic power, but every vocal qualification he has to perfection. In the dearth of basses we are not likely to find his better.

The smaller parts were well rendered and the orchestra and chorus were quite good. The opera will be repeated on Wednesday.

Theatrical.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.

Mr. FLORENCE revived the "Ticket-of-Leave Man" at this theatre last evening. Mr. TOM TAYLOR'S drama is a forcible piece of stage work, and will always command the attention of its audiences. The day of its great impression and great crowds, however, is passed, and it must take the shelf now, with "George Barnwell" and "The Bottle" for occasional reproduction in the times of unusual clerical stir and revivalistic excitement. During the existing furor of crime the "Ticket-of-Leave Man" is a decidedly unpopular character. Nevertheless, the revival of the play met with comparative favor last night. It is creditably produced, and the representation is, in some respects, equal to any previous performance in this City. Mr. and Mrs. FLORENCE, for instance, reappear in their familiar *rôles* of *Brierly* and *St. Evremond*. Miss MARY WELLS enlarges somewhat on the garrulous humor of *Mrs. Willoughby*, but still does not step beyond the limits of endurance. A marked and pleasant feature of the remaining cast was the appearance of Miss ADA HARLAND as *May Edwards*. This lady sheds her burlesque shell with ease. She will be remembered as a member of the Lydia Thompson troupe during the earlier performances at Wood's Museum. She brings to aid her in domestic drama an interesting face and a flexible voice; but to the former, which is freely expressive when used, she gives too much rest, and to the latter, which is very voluble, too free rein. She exhibits a tendency, in fact, to gallop over her sentences. These little sins corrected and Miss HARLAND may make an enduring impression in sympathetic *rôles* of the *May Edwards'* stripe. She dressed with much taste.

The engagement of Mr. and Mrs. FLORENCE is to continue four weeks longer at Wood's; this fact we publish for the benefit of readers out of the City, who may be deceived by the announcements of a party calling themselves "The Florence Burlesque Troupe." Mr. and Mrs. W. J. FLORENCE desire to have their friends know that they have no connection with this company.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.

Mr. BROUGHAM produced the amusing bacchanalia entitled "Jenny Lind," last evening, previous to "Pocahontas," in order that Miss JENNIE KIMBALL might be seen as the joking heroine. The *débutante* appeared to be wholly at her ease before the footlights, as she has every cause to be, after some years of experience in Boston and the New-England towns as an actress of burlesque and opera bouffe. The lady evinces no particular talent for comic acting, nor for the broad mimicry required in the character of *Jenny Leatherlungs*. The singing which belongs to the part, however, was delivered with signal self-reliance. In addition to much new music, which takes the place of mirth in the piece, Miss KIMBALL introduces a bit of masquerading that is in rather questionable taste. The part has usually afforded its personator no opportunity for the exposition of the female figure. We have no doubt that many a star with lemon-colored hair has scratched this *role* from her list, simply because it gave no show for "legs!" The *débutante* of last night made her opportunity, however, by casting off her long skirts, and appearing before the "Students of Heidelberg," who have come to serenade *Jenny Lind*, in fleshings, and the other *sisterens* of undress now so popular on the stage. Thus disguised, she sang a song about her "pretty gaiter boots," then retired, and in a few minutes reappeared in train again! The reason for this extraordinary departure from common sense was not vouchsafed, either in the text or the subsequent action, and went far to nullify any favorable impression the *débutante* may have made through her singing. Mr. E. LAMB contributed to the amusement of the audience by his peculiar oddities as *Gumby Gag*.

VARIOUS NOTES.

Mr. MARK SMITH reappeared at Booth's Theatre last evening as *Friar Laurence*, which, for the past two weeks, has been sustained by Mr. D. W. WALLER, during Mr. SMITH'S absence at the funeral obsequies of his father.

We are happy to state that the rumor anent Miss MARKHAM'S eyes is unfounded. Those orbs—as CHARLES READE would say—are yet unfathomed by fate. They shine for all. The sun is watched for its spots, and so, when Miss MARKHAM had a small trouble with one eye, every one found a prophecy in it, but, like most prophecies, it has not been fulfilled. Miss MARKHAM'S eyes are as good as they are beautiful. She will make her reappearance in the "Forty Thieves," at Niblo's, on Thursday evening.

Miss BATEMAN has entered into an engagement with Mr. BOOTH, commencing on the 20th of September next and extending through ten weeks, to play a series of her principal *rôles* at his beautiful establishment.

About this time of year we always hear something about MAPLESON. Like the Camphells, he is coming. This year there is a playful variation on the familiar theme. Mr. JOHN MITCHELL, a very worthy gentleman, is to bring Mr. MAPLESON'S artists, and Mr. MAPLESON is not particularly dwelt upon. The Academy folk, it is said, are urgent to have him. It only remains to be seen whether Mr. JOHN MITCHELL is anxious to have the Academy folk.

And while these things are brewed in the lobbies, we hear that NILSSON and an overwhelming force of artists will take possession of the Grand Opera House and play there to the death. Mr. MARETZEK, the fiery untamed *impresario*, will, in all probability, perform his daring acts betwixt these two extremes. Perhaps he may find himself in the saddle when both his opponents are unhorsed.

A domestic emergency of an alarming nature has compelled Miss ROSE EYTINGE to transform herself from the merry *Beatrice* to the most anxious of suitors. She did not, in consequence, appear last evening in "Much Ado About Nothing." The part of *Lady Diadate* was sustained in a charmingly chirpy manner by Mrs. JENNINGS, and the role of *Hero*, formerly sustained by this lady, was undertaken by Miss ANNIE WARD.

Lecture on the Desert of Mt. Sinai.

Rev. ABBOTT KITTREDGE delivered last evening in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-second-street, a lecture on the "Desert of Mt. Sinai," which, in matter and manner, was both entertaining and instructive. After briefly describing his experience and associations with some of the tribes of that region, he gave an interesting and often amusing account of the habits, manners, laws and religious ideas of a tribe, or part of a tribe, which formed his escort on a four weeks' journey from Suez to Hebron. The Sheik, though acknowledged chief and judge over six thousand souls, yet sometimes it was painfully manifest that his authority was by no means either respected or dreaded, even among the youngest of his tribe. As an illustration of this, he described an occasion on their journey, when a very young lad who led the speaker's camel had evidently been guilty of some infraction of law which excited deeply the wrath of the Sheik. He, the lecturer, naturally expected to see the boy punished, but to his surprise the Sheik brought the boy to him for that purpose, and on asking the Sheik why he did not himself inflict the deserved punishment, the little fellow immediately doubled up his fists and dared the old man of sixty to put a hand on him—a daring which manifestly he was accustomed to exercise with impunity. He then described their habit of carrying weapons and taking individual revenge as a punishment for crime. For the former act they would be punished by law, and the latter was not to be thought of. Yet he believed it tended there to the security of human life rather than the contrary. Their theory of "blood for blood" seems to have come down among them from the ages far past, when on Sinai's top, which o'ershadows their land, the great Law-giver declared that "he who sheddeth man's blood by man, shall his blood be shed." So solemnly obligatory do they record it to slay the slayer of their relations that it is apparently done from a pressure of duty, and accompanied by no gloom of revengeful feeling. Their mode of collecting debts when, if the debtor cannot pay, and will not give his camel, the creditor is authorized to steal it at the first opportunity; their early marriages and singular courtship; the subordination of women, who never dare, under any circumstances, indulge the temerity of asking for a husband; the seasons of second marriage varying from ten days to two years after the husband's death, in proportion to the degree of estimation in which he was held; their vague theory of punishment for sin in the place of fire; their charity, their deceit and insatiable covetousness, were all described with rare wit, and to the evident delight of the audience.

The lecturer closed with a glowing picture of the scenery which surrounded and the sentiments which filled him, as he stood on the summit of Sinai, the place where God made his glory visible to Israel, and from thence gazed o'er those plains where two million souls once encamped, and who for more than forty thousand years have slept in death—and then recalled with grateful hearts that only other grander scene in all the world's history, Calvary!

Boys in Blue.

The Spencer Legion of the Boys in Blue, of which GEN. BARRETT VAN BUREN is President and WM. MOORE Secretary, met last evening at No. 206 Eighth-avenue, for the purpose of making preparations to go to Washington in a body to attend the inauguration of President GRANT.

The Legion will be composed of about fifty members, under the command of Major JOHN A. MUNN, and will leave by the 8:40 train on Wednesday morning.

In addition to those who leave in a body from this City, a number of the members are now in Washington, and will take part in the celebration. They will be dressed in dark clothes, with the Grant Badge, and will wear a sash bearing the inscription: "Spencer Legion—GRANT and COLFAX—Boys in Blue." Those desiring to join the members of the Legion on their trip can meet with them at the hall, No. 206 Eighth-avenue, this evening.

Attempted Wife Murder.

Last evening ALFRED JONES, now residing at No. 143 West-street, visited No. 238 Greene-street for the purpose of obtaining an interview with a woman to whom he had been married, but who, for some time past, has refused to live with him, and who is now known as ELIZABETH DEVEROUX. When JONES called last night he endeavored to induce his wife to return to his home, which she refused, in decided terms, to do. JONES then apparently became enraged, and drawing a large knife from under his coat aimed a blow at his wife, which she fortunately avoided, as she had observed his movement. She then gave an alarm, which brought in Officer WATTS, of the Fifteenth Precinct, when JONES was arrested and locked up in the Mercer-street Police Station-house upon the complaint of his wife, and will be arraigned before Justice DODGE this morning.

Another Attempt at Wife Murder this Morning.

At 12:30 o'clock this morning EDWARD JUGGOLS assaulted his wife JULIA, at No. 443 East Thirteenth-street, with a hand-saw, inflicting several severe wounds, which are deemed to be of a dangerous if not fatal character. The screams of the woman attracted the attention of the Police, who rushed into the building in time to save her from more dangerous injury, and to secure and arrest the brutal husband, who was taken to the Seventeenth Precinct Station-house, where he was locked up. The wounded woman was removed to Bellevue Hospital in a precarious condition.

Adrian College—New Professor Elected.

Rev. Dr. BAKER, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims in this City, has been elected Professor of Rhetoric in Adrian College, and has accepted the office. The loss to the College by fire of the south (ladies') hall, on the 21 of February, though severe and but partly covered by insurance, has not interrupted the regular progress of the several departments or the classes. Promptly on the day following the fire, the trustees inaugurated efforts to rebuild. The citizens of Adrian and vicinity have come to their aid with a commendable liberality, attesting the popularity of the College. The students, also responding to the call, have organized an association for the purpose of procuring aid to replace the Hall.

Personal.

Judge H. A. Nelson, of Poughkeepsie; Hon. W. H. Davis, of Albany; Hon. H. Weed, of Weedsport, N. Y.; Hon. H. J. Murphy, of Albany, and Col. E. B. Carling, of the United States Army, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Gen. Totten, of the United States Army; Hon. J. H. J. Rose, of Nashville, and Gen. Taylor, of the United States Army, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Gen. A. B. Lacey, of Charlestown, is at the Gladstone House. Hon. A. C. Mattoon, of Oswego, and Hon. E. Burrows, of Massachusetts, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Hon. J. C. Paige, of New-Orleans, is at the St. James Hotel. Gen. J. H. Bartlett, of the United States Army, and Hon. M. J. Woodruff, of Connecticut, are at the Astor House.

There was to have been a grand "real estate distribution" at Gardiner, Missouri, on Saturday night last, but the manager announced to the assembled ticket-holders that as only 76,000 tickets had been sold, he should withdraw several of the principal prizes. Considerable confusion followed this announcement, during which the gas was turned off, and the manager took advantage of the convenient darkness to escape.

THE INAUGURATION HAT.—When WHITFIELD was in this country a pious old lady made a day's journey to hear him preach, but was unable, on account of the immense crowd, to get within reach of his voice. On returning home her neighbors asked if she had heard him. "No," replied the fervent old dame, "but I've seen his blessed wig." People who are unable to attend the ceremonies of inauguration next Thursday, may console themselves, after the same fashion, by taking a look at the very elegant "Inauguration Hat," made expressly for Gen. GRANT by JAS. MCBRIDE, of this City, which will be on exhibition to-day at the manufacturer's establishment, No. 75 Mercer street.

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SMALL-POX.

Prevalence of the Disease within the Metropolitan District—Extensive Vaccination by the Health Authorities—Vaccination to be Performed without Charge.

Yesterday, at the meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health, Sanitary Superintendent HARRIS reported, that of late the small-pox had been gradually spreading in various parts of the Metropolitan District, and that it was present in the City among each class of inhabitants and in quite places as to render it imperatively necessary for the people to attend forthwith to the duty of vaccination. The necessity for this precaution, he said, was scarcely less in the rural portion of the Metropolitan District and throughout the State than in the City. Though the exception of the loathsome disease was kept very closely confined in New-York and Brooklyn, it was found that there it needs no unusual exertion among our crowded population to provide any assurance of continued security unless the people were aroused to the duty of applying the great protective agency of vaccination.

Dr. HARRIS' report continued as follows:

From all sections of the State of New-York, and from cities in the West and South, we are informed that smallpox has been gradually spreading even beyond the limits of the City. During the last week of the year a report was current that the people into a panic, and badly managed agitation of vaccination, Medical alarm then led to a great amount of vaccination, and the disease seemed to abate for a time, and greater amount has been recently performed and yet, since that period there had been a rise in mortality of our population by births and by deaths, indicating that are still susceptible in different parts of the City, estimate the present proportion of the unvaccinated population, according to the best credible evidence, at about one-third of the whole population, according to the intelligence and public spirit of Scotland, Germany and the Italian cities generally in different towns and cities. In Scotland, which have nearly been conducted by the Health City authorities, we find that the most active use of vaccination known to us on the continent prevails. Where in this great centre of trade and population the Board of Health has only personal influence, the first intention of this fact, by promulgation of notice and orders to the people to attend and vaccinate, or to the duty of vaccination. The cases of smallpox reported, of the kind at the Quarantine and central watch that occurred for years, but the neglect of vaccination still continues. The best-informed dispensary physicians inform us that of all the children under their care, not more than four or five out of every ten are yet vaccinated. In a number of the better of all tenement-houses in the Ninth Ward Sanitary Inspector reported twelve out of all their inhabitants unvaccinated. In a series of three crowded tenement rookeries in the Sixth Ward, near Washington square, an Inspector reports that he has found sixty-eight out of the inhabitants in questionable condition of the inhabitants in eight houses. These facts are sufficient to prove how great a number of the poor in the City, and how large a proportion of neglected population that inhabit the regions known as the shanty districts near the Central Park, the record of neglected vaccination is still worse. The number of the Metropolitan districts being anxious to prevent the occurrence of small-pox in their respective fields, have there weeks ago supplied with approved vaccine virus, and, as soon as they had obtained a sufficient stock of it by means of their fresh vaccinations, they commenced the work of vaccination. Each of these Assistant Sanitary Inspectors has designated the places, days and hours, in which he will vaccinate, and who will apply. By the combined efforts of the Assistant Sanitary Inspectors of the rural villages those conditions are endeavoring to keep up a stock of pure and active vaccine lymph for gratuitous use. Dr. Jacob Shew, No. 2 Bowery, Medical Officer in the rural towns is cordially seconded by all other intelligent physicians in the respective local cities, and as Dr. Edward Ely (Richmond) County Medical Society, in carrying out the

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FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, March 1.

The Senate met at 11 A. M.

Mr. BAYARD presented the credentials of THOMAS F. BAYARD, Senator-elect from Delaware.

Mr. VAN WINKLE presented the credentials of ARTHUR T. BORDMAN, Senator-elect from West Virginia.

Mr. MORTON presented the credentials of WILLIAM G. BROWNLOW, Senator-elect from Tennessee.

SUSPENSION OF RULES.

The House joint resolution suspending the 16th and 17th joint rules from now until the end of the session, so as to facilitate business, was agreed to.

BILL ON REFINING GOLD AND SILVER.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, the Committee on Finance was discharged from the consideration of Mr. STEWART's bill relative to refining gold and silver bullion in the United States Mint and branches.

COINAGE OF FIVE-CENT PIECES.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported the House bill to authorize the coining of nickel copper five-cent pieces, and stated that the Committee being equally divided on the subject could not make any recommendation in regard to it.

BILLS PASSED.

Mr. TRUMBULL called up the bill to authorize imprisonment at hard labor as punishment in certain cases, which was passed. Where the law simply prescribes imprisonment for offences against the United States, this bill authorizes a sentence of hard labor, at the discretion of the Court.

Mr. TRUMBULL also called up the bill relative to the rights of property of married women in the District of Columbia, which was passed.

RELIEF OF ALABAMA SCOUTS AND GUIDES.

On motion of Mr. SPRAGUE the bill for the relief of certain companies of scouts or guides, organized in Alabama, was passed.

BILLS AND MEMORIALS.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, the Committee on Public Lands was discharged from the consideration of a large number of bills and memorials.

REMOVAL OF POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on Judiciary, called up the bill for the removal of political disabilities.

Mr. CONKLING moved to strike out the name of ARA ROGERS, of Virginia.

Mr. STEWART said there seemed to be a great difference of opinion in relation to the merits of Mr. ROGERS, and he would neither favor nor oppose the motion to strike out.

Mr. TRUMBULL opposed the motion, and asked Mr. CONKLING the reason for it.

Mr. CONKLING said it was because Mr. ROGERS was still an arrant rebel, and unfit to have the privileges of citizenship.

Mr. HOWARD said the man had been elected Second Auditor of Virginia, and merely sought relief so as to be enabled to hold the office without claiming to be a Union man.

Mr. TRUMBULL said that each of the persons named in the bill had made a written application for relief, in which he had expressed his intentions to obey the law and sustain the Government. Mr. ROGERS had done this, and there was not consistent with the statement of Mr. HOWARD.

Mr. WILLEY was unable to give any information about Mr. ROGERS' actions during the war, or his present attitude toward the Government; but he knew his reputation before the war to have been that of a gentleman of high character and standing in the community.

Mr. HOWARD read a letter indorsing the resolutions of the Grant and Colfax Club of Richmond, earnestly protesting against the removal of the disabilities of several office-holders in Virginia, among them Mr. ROGERS.

Mr. FERRY hoped the name of Mr. ROGERS would not be stricken out. He had observed that whenever a man holding office at the South applied for relief from his political disabilities there were always a sufficient number of his neighbors, who wanted the office for themselves, to get up a remonstrance.

Mr. TRUMBULL commented upon the fact that the Colfax Club of Colfax Club of Richmond gave no reason against relieving Mr. ROGERS except that they (the Club) earnestly protested against it. If the Senate of the United States was to be merely a body to register decrees of the Grant and Colfax Club of Richmond, and elsewhere in the South, it was time the fact should be known. This Grant and Colfax Club protested against the relief of certain office-holders, probably because they wanted the office themselves.

Mr. TIPTON—They have a right to them.

Mr. TRUMBULL—Suppose the people don't want to elect them; have they a right to them?

Mr. HOWARD—They have, if the people are rebels.

Mr. TRUMBULL asked Mr. TIPTON whether he would like to have the majority of the people of Nebraska treated in that way.

Mr. TIPTON said that nothing would please him better, if the majority of the people of Nebraska were rebels.

Mr. CONKLING was not in favor of an indiscriminate removal of disabilities, but thought Mr. ROGERS, in consideration of his personal character and personal position, better entitled to the removal of his disabilities than many others who had theirs removed.

Mr. SAWYER thought the idea that no one at the South should have his disabilities removed unless it was recommended by the Republicans in his community, narrow, short-sighted, and radically wrong. Whenever a man of good character applied to have his disabilities removed, it would be the best policy of the Government to remove them, and thereby win the support of the conservative and influential men of the South.

Mr. NYE said that he had satisfactory information that the opposition to the relief of Mr. ROGERS, arose out of the fact that, as Auditor of the State, he stood in the way of the Governor's scheme to sell to outside parties the internal improvements of Virginia.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN read the papers in the case of Mr. ROGERS, showing that he had taken the oath of allegiance, and avowed his intention to support the Government, and that the removal of his disabilities had been recommended by Gen. SCHOFIELD and Gen. STONEMAN, and all leading members of the Republican Party in Virginia.

Mr. CONNESS, in view of Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN's statement, withdrew the motion to strike out the name of Mr. ROGERS.

The morning hour having expired the bill went over.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS DISCHARGED.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER the Committee on Foreign Affairs was discharged from the consideration of a large number of bills, resolutions and memorials in relation to trade with Canada and other subjects.

SPANISH DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE CALLED FOR.

Mr. CONKLING offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon the President for the correspondence during the last two years between the State Department and the United States Minister and the Secretary of Legation at Madrid.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill.

The pending amendment was that offered by Mr. SPRAGUE, declaring the public domain within the jurisdiction of the United States, except that guaranteed by treaty to certain Indian tribes, to be the sole property of the United States, and the occupants thereof subject to the laws of the United States.

Mr. SPRAGUE explained the object of the amendment, which was, to bring the "wild" Indians under subjection to the laws of the United States, so as to do away, as far as possible, with Indian treaties. After considerable discussion, Mr. SPRAGUE, at the suggestion of Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, that his object would be attained in another way, withdrew his amendment.

Mr. WILSON offered an amendment providing that volunteer officers retired on account of disability, shall be retired upon the same terms as regular officers. Adopted.

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Mr. NORTON, of Minnesota, moved to amend so as to direct, instead of merely authorizing the President to reduce the army as rapidly as possible. Lost by a vote of yeas 9, nays 27.

The bill having been considered as in Committee of the Whole, was reported to the Senate, when Mr. SUMNER renewed his amendment to provide for the payment of the claim of Massachusetts for interest on advancements made to the United States in the war of 1812-1815.

Mr. CONKLING raised the point of order that the amendment having been already ruled out of order, could not be again offered.

Mr. SHERMAN took the same view.

Messrs. SUMNER and FESSENDEN insisted that as the previous action upon the amendment was in Committee of the Whole, it was not out of order to offer it again in the Senate.

The amendment was decided to be in order—yeas 28, nays 20.

Mr. GRIMES said that some interesting developments had already been made in connection with the proposition, and there were others equally interesting to be made. This was a claim for interest and for advances made by Massachusetts (then including Maine) in the war of 1812. He had never read that those States had been very zealous in charging on the war of 1812. However, they had made some advances for the United States, which had been in due time repaid, and then after forty-seven years of deliberation they had come in with a claim for interest, having first transferred the claim for the benefit of a railroad corporation, the directors of which had been on the floor of the Senate to-day, no doubt, enlightening Senators in regard to the merits of the claim. He wished the Senate to note, too, that when this claim was introduced, instead of being referred to the Committee on Claims or the Committee on Military Affairs, it went to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, upon which there happened to be a Senator from Maine, a Senator from Massachusetts, and a Senator from New-Hampshire.

Mr. SUMNER declined to discuss the conduct of Massachusetts in the war of 1812 because it had nothing to do with the question before the Senate. That question was simply whether provision should be made for the payment of a claim which had been allowed upon favorably by Congress, and when paid would only place Massachusetts in this respect in the same position with other States.

Mr. DRAKE inquired whether, if this proposed claim were now paid, it would not be a precedent for the payment of similar claims growing out of the war of the rebellion?

Mr. SUMNER was unable to answer the question more definitely than to say that if similar cases should arise the precedent would apply to them.

Mr. GRIMES moved to add a proviso that interest shall not be allowed to Massachusetts upon any sum on which she has not either paid interest or lost interest by a transfer to an interest-bearing fund.

Mr. SUMNER was willing to accept the amendment.

Mr. FESSENDEN, in reply to the suggestion that the claim, if valid, ought to have been settled years ago, said that it would have been settled at the same time with the claims of the other States, but for the fact that the Democratic Party, then dominant in Congress, singled out Massachusetts, and by delaying the payment of her claim, sought to punish her for the action of the Federal Party, by which she had been controlled at the time of the war. It had taken a great many years to get the principle, and Massachusetts was very glad to get it without, at that time, demanding payment of the interest.

Mr. HOWARD suggested that Massachusetts had failed to demand the interest within a reasonable time.

Mr. FESSENDEN replied that the interest had been claimed immediately after the payment of the principal.

Mr. HOWARD asked him whether there was any security that the money asked for would be appropriated to the construction of the railroad spoken of in connection with it.

Mr. FESSENDEN said that its use for that purpose was secured by the laws of Massachusetts and Maine.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN took the ground that the amount paid by the United States in 1815 was accepted by Massachusetts and Maine in full liquidation of the claim, principal and interest.

Mr. SHERMAN said that the proposition offered by the Senator from Massachusetts would appropriate over $6,000,000, and, even with the restrictions proposed by the Committee on Foreign Relations would appropriate over $1,500,000. He had looked over the items constituting the original claim, and had found that nearly all of them were expenditures for local defence. The payment of the claim of Maryland for interest had been allowed because Maryland had at the time of the war appropriated a portion of her school fund (a trust fund) for the public defence; but Massachusetts occupied no such exceptional position, and if her claims were now allowed it would be impossible to pay claims that might be presented by other States for advances during the late war.

Mr. PATTERSON replied to Mr. SHERMAN, who, he said, had overstated the amount of the original claim.

At 4:30 o'clock the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Senate reassembled at 7 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER, the joint resolution to authorize Commander C. H. BALDWIN to accept a gold medal from the King of the Netherlands, was passed.

Mr. CATTELL called up the bill for the relief of PETER MCGOFF.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, called up the bill for the relief of the Illinois Iron and Coal Company, which was passed.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill, the amendment offered by Mr. SUMNER being pending.

Mr. PATTERSON, of New-Hampshire continued his speech in advocacy of the amendment. He said the whole amount due Massachusetts and Maine under this claim was not a million and a quarter, as stated by the Senator from Ohio, but only seven hundred and sixty seven thousand dollars.

Messrs. DAVIS, DRAKE and HENDRICKS opposed the amendment.

Mr. MORTON advocated it. He believed that the States ought to be compensated for advances made in aid of the Government.

Mr. CHANDLER said the claim for interest was an afterthought and ought not to be allowed.

The debate was continued until 11:40 o'clock, when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 11 A. M.

Mr. CALLIS presented a memorial from citizens of Alabama for an increase of representation from Alabama in consequence of the extension of the elective franchise to freedmen.

BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

Under the call of States, bills were introduced, read twice and referred as follows:

By Mr. CALLIS—Granting lands to the Tennessee and Coosa Railroad Company. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By SEVERAL MEMBERS—Bills to relieve persons named from legal and political disabilities.

BRIDGES ON THE OHIO RIVER.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill in relation to bridges across the Ohio River. The bill provides for the appointment, by the Secretary of War, with the approval of the President, of a board of scientific engineers, not less than five nor more than seven, to report to the next session of the Congress the proper width of spans of railroad bridges across the Ohio River, adopted to the wants of navigation and commerce, and that Congress take action on such report. No bridge shall be erected over the Ohio River unless it shall have one continuous span not less than 400 feet in width in the clear over the main channel of the river.

He moved the previous question on the passage of the bill.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, asked Mr. COOK if he would not allow him to say a word.

Mr. COOK—Not a word. [Laughter.]

The previous question was seconded, 70 to 42, and the bill was then passed—yeas 84, nays 59.

PACIFIC RAILROADS AND BRANCHES.

Mr. JUDD introduced a joint resolution in relation to the proper completion of the Pacific Railroads and branches, and moved the previous question on its passage. It authorizes and requires the President of the United states to demand and require from the Central Pacific Railway Company of California and their branches, bonds or other securities sufficient to guarantee the completion of such railroads and branches, and to bring them up to the standard fixed by the special commission that has examined and reported on the Union Pacific Railroad and its branches, and that is now examining the Central Pacific Railroad and its branches, applying the same standard of construction to each, and requiring the same security from each; and it directs the suspension of the issue of bonds to such roads until the report shall have been made.

The previous question was seconded—yeas 101, nays not counted; and the joint resolution was passed without a division.

THE INTER-OCEANIC RAILWAY.

Mr. RAUM introduced a joint resolution declaring valid certain declarations of the Constitutional Convention of Texas, corporating the Inter-Oceanic Railway Company.

Mr. BOUTWELL moved to lay the joint resolution on the table. Agreed to.

GEN. LEE'S WASHINGTON RELICS.

Mr. LOGAN offered a resolution directing the Committee on Public Grounds to inquire into the circumstances of the proposed return to Gen. ROBERT E. LEE of certain articles formerly belonging to Gen. WASHINGTON, which were taken from the Arlington House, and directing the Secretary of the Interior not to deliver them up until action has been taken on the report of the Committee.

The previous question was seconded.

Mr. WOOD asked the Speaker whether it was in order for the House to prevent the restoration of stolen property.

The Speaker said that that was not a parliamentary question.

The resolution was adopted—yeas 119, nays 35.

JOINT RULES SUSPENDED.

On motion of Mr. SCHENCK, the sixteen and seventeenth joint rules, which prohibit the passage of bills from House to House, and the presentation of bills to the President within three days of adjournment, were suspended.

CHANGE OF HOURS.

On motion of Mr. SCHENCK, it was ordered that the House meet hereafter at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. SCHENCK moved to suspend the rules and to order that the House proceed to the business on the Speaker's table at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The rules were not suspended—yeas 72, nays 70—less than a two-thirds in the affirmative, and the order was not made.

COTTON CLAIM ALLOWED.

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Committee on Claims, reported the bill to pay MRS. SUSAN A. SHELBY, of Fort Gibson, Miss., $5,000, in full of all claims for cotton captured and sold by the United States. After explanation by Mr. BINGHAM, the bill was passed.

INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, moved to suspend the rules, to discharge the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the Senate amendments to the Indian Appropriation bill, to non-concur in those amendments relating to new Indian treaties, to concur in the others, and to ask a Committee of Conference.

The rules were not suspended.

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

The House then, at 1:45 o'clock, went into Committee of the Whole. Mr. DAWES in the chair, on the Miscellaneous Appropriation bill.

Mr. SPALDING remarked that the bill was highly important and should be passed to-day. It involved the appropriation of about $6,000,000, mainly embraced in three items—the printing of bonds, Treasury notes and bank bills, the maintenance of revenue cutters, &c., and the lighthouse establishment. He hoped the bill would have attention, and that but few amendments would be offered. The Committee, with an eye to economy, had exercised some liberality towards the administration that was to carry on the Government. He thought it had not reported too much, and he hoped it had not reported too little in the pending bill.

Mr. BROOKS called attention to the great expense of printing the public money, which had cost, since the beginning of the system, over $11,000,000, and for which this bill appropriated $1,300,000. It was time there was reformation in that establishment, and that the printing of the public money was removed from the Treasury.

Mr. FRICK moved an amendment appropriating $100,000 for continuing the work on the Rock Island Rapids.

After some discussion the amendment was rejected. A paragraph in the bill appropriating $100,000 for the construction of four steam revenue cutters for Alaska; for Columbia River, Oregon; for Mobile, Ala.; for Charleston, S. C., and for the transfer of the revenue-cutter A. P. Chase from the great lakes to Boston, Mass., elicited a lengthy discussion, its opponents contending that instead of building new vessels, some of the vessels now in the navy should be transferred to the Treasury Department for that purpose. The item was retained in the bill.

On motion of Mr. O'NEILL, supported by Messrs. MYERS and RANDALL, the appropriation of $9,000 for a preliminary survey of the site of the League Island Navy-yard was increased, after discussion, to $6,000.

On motion of Mr. SPALDING, representing the Committee on Appropriations, items for the President's Burvant amounting to $214,000 were struck out of the bill.

Mr. KELSEY moved an appropriation of $6,000 to pay to Miss VINNIE-REAM the amount due on her contract to furnish a statue of the late President LINCOLN.

After a brief discussion, the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. DODGE moved an appropriation of $220,000 to reimburse the State of Iowa for expenses incurred and payments made during the rebellion, as examined, audited, and found due by the Commission of Gen. BUCHANAN, which was rejected.

The same amendment, with a proviso, was offered again by Mr. WILSON, of Iowa.

After considerable discussion in support of the amendment by Messrs. DODGE, ALLISON, PRICE and WILSON, Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the amendment by a proviso appropriating the amount necessary to pay the war claims of all the States that have been reported favorably by the Commissioners appointed by Congress.

Mr. WILSON accepted the proviso.

Mr. CLARKE, of Kansas, moved to amend the amendment by appropriating $3,513,000 for the Kansas war claims.

Pending the discussion, the House, at 4:30 o'clock, took a recess till 6:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The House met in evening session at 6:30 o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

INVALID PENSIONS.

The first hour of the session was assigned to the business of the Committee on Invalid Pensions. A large number of private pension bills were reported and passed.

Mr. PERHAM, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported a bill relating to the operations of the Pension laws. After some discussion and amendments, the bill was passed.

It provides in the first section, that no claim of a widow for pension pay or bounty, shall be allowed where she has voluntarily lived separate and apart from her husband without receiving any support from him. It provides in the third section that all pensions granted in consequence of death from wounds or sickness contracted in the service, shall commence from the date of the death or discharge of the soldier, with a provision that nothing in the several acts relating to pensions shall deprive any person who was in the service of the United States between the 4th of March, 1861, and the 8th of June, 1866, of his pension during that period. The remainder of the bill is mere matter of detail, as to making proof, fees of agents, &c.

JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED.

Mr. NEWSHAM, of Louisiana, introduced a joint resolution for giving to the members from Louisiana in the present Congress the right to nominate persons to fill existing vacancies from that State as midshipmen in the United States Naval Academy. Passed.

THE PUBLIC CREDIT BILL.

Mr. SCHENCK said that the bill to strengthen the public credit having come back from the Senate with two or three amendments, he proposed, by way of abridging the consideration of the matter, to ask the House to non-concur in those amendments, and asked for a Committee of Conference. He had no doubt that such a Committee would come to an agreement.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts—I object.

Mr. SCHENCK—I move to suspend the rules for that purpose.

Mr. SPALDING, who had the floor on the Miscellaneous Appropriation bill, declined to yield for that motion.

Mr. SCHENCK—Very well; I want it understood by the country that it is on the objection of the gentleman from Massachusetts that we cannot get at that bill.

Mr. BUTLER—And I want it understood by the country that the gentleman from Ohio cannot get at that swindling brokers' bill on the objection of the gentleman from Massachusetts. [Laughter.]

COMMITTER OF THE WHOLE.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. DAWES in the chair, on the Miscellaneous Appropriation bill, the pending amendments being to pay the war claims of Iowa, Kansas, &c. That in regard to Kansas was rejected, and that in regard to Iowa, with Mr. BUTLER's proviso added to it, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. LYNCH an appropriation of $200,000 was made for a light-house on Halfway Rock, Casco Bay, Maine.

Mr. BROOKS moved an appropriation of $900,000 for laying the foundation and commencing the building of the Post Office in New-York City, and spoke in support of the motion, showing the importance of the work in building commenced and carried on, and stating that the Government had purchased from the City for half a million dollars a site which was worth a million.

Mr. SPALDING, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, stated that the reason why the Committee had not recommended that or a larger appropriation was that there was dissatisfaction in relation to the site.

Mr. BENJAMIN opposed the amendment.

Mr. BROOKS reminded the gentleman from Missouri that the rent now paid for a Post Office and United States building in New-York was over $25,000 a year.

After further discussion the amendment offered by Mr. BROOKS was adopted by a vote of 78 to 42.

BANGOR CUSTOM-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. PETERS, the appropriation for the Custom-house in Bangor, Maine, was increased from $15,000 to $20,000.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN KNOXVILLE.

On motion of Mr. MAYNARD, $50,000 was appropriated for United States buildings in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. AXTELL moved to appropriate $250,000 for the Branch Mint at San Francisco. After arguments in support of the appropriation by Messrs. AXTELL and HIGLEY, the motion was rejected by a vote of 61 to 64.

Mr. AXTELL moved to appropriate $150,000 for that purpose, and after another appeal in support of the motion, it was agreed to by a vote of 61 to 54.

TERRITORIAL SURVEYS.

On motion of Mr. LOGAN, $10,000 was appropriated for the continuance of the geological survey of the Territories.

On motion of Mr. LOGAN, an appropriation of $6,000 was made for the purchase of a portrait of ABRAHAM LINCOLN for the White House, to be selected by the incoming President.

ALLOWANCE TO CONTESTING MEMBERS.

An amendment to pay several contesting members $3,500 each, gave rise to considerable discussion.

Mr. SCHENCK denounced the whole system of paying contestants, saying that it had grown to be a perfect nuisance, and that he did not know any more profitable business than contesting seats in Congress.

Finally it was agreed that the amendment should be offered in the House, and the Committee rose and reported the bill to the House. The House then, at 11:50, adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Commencement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The sixty-second annual commencement of this institution took place last evening at Steinway Hall, where a large audience was gathered at 8 o'clock P. M., when the exercises commenced. Dr. EDWARD CURAMINGS, President, conferred the degrees on eighty-seven graduates. Dr. JAS. C. LINDSLY, A. M., of the graduating class, delivered the valedictory address. Dr. DALTON announced the names of the successful competitors for the prizes. The awards of the prizes offered by the Faculty were as follows:

First prize to a thesis on "The Poisonous Species of Pinus," by EUGENE B. MURTHA, A. M., of New-York City.

Second prize to a thesis on "Carbolic Acid and Derivations," by JOHN J. REID, of Ontario, Canada.

Honorable mention to LUCIUS D. BULKLEY, A. B., J. FRANCIS CHAPAN, THOS. TRENAMON, SHERMAN H. CHAPMAN, A. B., and GEO. B. HICKOK.

The Harsen Prizes, consisting of $150, $75 and $25 each, were awarded as follows: First prize, J. FRANCIS CHAPMAN; second prize, EUGENE B. MURTHA; third prize, FRED. C. CURTIS.

It was announced that the Stephens Prize had not been fairly earned by any one, and would be awarded at a later period next year.

Mr. JOSEPH H. CHOATE delivered the final address to the graduating class—a humorous effort, which kept the audience in a roar, and then the assemblage was dismissed with a benediction.

Meeting of Sunday School Librarians.

A meeting of librarians of the different Sunday Schools of this City, including several from the suburbs and from Philadelphia, took place last evening at the Tabernacle Church, corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth-street. Mr. A. L. SAYRE, of the Northwest Presbyterian Church, corner of Thirty-first-street and Ninth-avenue, was in the chair, and Mr. C. A. CORBETT, of the Madison-avenue Baptist Church, was Secretary. The object was to form a permanent organization, in order to examine into the respective merits of the libraries of the different Sunday Schools throughout the Union, and suggest such improvements as might be thought desirable. Committees on permanent organization, books, catalogues, a library system, library cases and public libraries, were appointed, and an adjournment took place subject to call.

Aylette Medical Institution Commencement.

The commencement exercises of this institution took place yesterday evening, at University Chapel. Prof. J. C. DRAPER presided, and made an address to the graduates. The salutatorian was Dr. S. S. ALEXANDER. The valedictory was delivered by Dr. R. P. TOWNSEND, of Kentucky. Dr. F. D. BENEDICT, in behalf of the class, presented Dr. AYLETTE with a gold watch, and the latter responded with feeling. Degrees were conferred on forty students, pupils of Dr. AYLETTE.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

Yesterday was the coldest day of the season, with one exception—the 24th of December, when the mercury fell to 11° above zero. Yesterday, at an early hour in the morning, it was 12° above zero. At noon it had risen to 20°, at which point it stood till night, when it again fell several degrees.

Yesterday morning, at about 11 o'clock, while a carriage was proceeding from the office of Dr. BEDFORD, the brother of the Judge, a man who was standing near, began an assault on the vehicle with paving stones of which he had a good quantity at hand, having evidently gathered them for the purpose. Several of the missiles passed through the window into the carriage, and one of them struck Dr. BEDFORD on the side of the head. The assailant was taken into custody and locked up to await an examination. It is supposed that the attack was made by the stranger under the belief that Judge BEDFORD was in the carriage.

MARION GOLDEN, of No. 120 Baxter-street, yesterday afternoon fell from the roof of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Freight Depot, and being crushed between two freight cars, was severely injured. He was taken to the New-York Hospital.

JOHN REYNOLDS, of No. 423 East Sixteenth-street, was caught yesterday afternoon in the machinery of the hair factory No. 512 East Seventeenth-street, and was seriously injured. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital.

WILLIAM HADDON, of No. 228 East Fifty-third-street, fell yesterday, when stepping from a Third-avenue car, at Fifty-fifth-street, and was seriously hurt. He was assisted to his home.

DENNIS KELLEY, a child 4 years of age, died yesterday at No. 371 Monroe-street from injuries received by falling from a fire escape, on the 19th ult. Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered.

From the statistics of Ex-Fire Marshal BAKER it appears that the losses by fire in this City, during the month of February, amounted to $272,600.

Sunday night two men were observed in Eleventh-avenue, near Twenty-seventh-street, each carrying a large bag, and when hailed by the Police they dropped the bags and ran away. The bags were found to contain large quantities of spool silk and thread, which are supposed to be the proceeds of a burglary. The property is held at the Twentieth-street Station-house for identification.

A meeting of the New-York Society of Practical Engineers will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, at Room No. 24, Cooper Institute. The practical aspects of aerial navigation will be discussed.

We have been informed that our publication in Sunday morning's issue in reference to Mr. C. D. ROBINSON having "absconded" from the City with the securities of WOOD & ROBINSON, was incorrect, and that he is now at their office, endeavoring to settle up matters satisfactorily. This explanation is due to Mr. ROBINSON under the existing circumstances of the case.

Neither branch of the Common Council met yesterday afternoon, in consequence of the Committee appointed to proceed to Washington to have the City of New-York reimbursed in the sum of $600,000 for moneys expended through the Union Defence Committee during the years 1861 and 1862, in fitting out troops, being at Washington looking after this matter. It will be remembered that this Committee consisted of two members from the Board of the Common Council, Alderman COULTER being the Chairman.

An adjourned meeting of the pupils of old Public School No. 7, from the years 1806 to 1846, under the principalship of Dr. STEPHEN R. KIRBY, WILLIAM P. LYON and JOHN W. KETCHAM, will be held at the school-house on Friday next, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization.

Last evening a fight occurred in the liquor saloon of HERMAN BRUNS, No. 215 Bowery, between THOMAS MULHOLLAND and JOHN HYATT, during which the former was stabbed by HYATT in the face and hand, making severe but not dangerous wounds. HYATT immediately escaped, and the wounded man was removed to a neighboring drug store, where his injuries were attended to.

ELLEN FARRELL, of No. 226 East Twenty-third-street, was arrested yesterday by Officer DIMES upon a charge of stealing a piece of poplin from the store of A. T. STEWART & CO., corner of Broadway and Tenth-street. She was locked up in the Mercer-street Police Station-house.

Brooklyn.

Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, of Philadelphia, has accepted the call of the Central Presbyterian Church, and is expected to begin his ministrations there next Sabbath. His salary will be $7,000.

Some private citizens have arranged to present the Captain of the Inman steamship *City of Brooklyn* with a silver trumpet, made by one of the Brooklyn silversmiths. The cost of it was $300. It will be presented about the same time as the set of colors from the Corporation. It is a massive and elegant affair, solid silver, gold lined, mounted with nautical emblems in frosted silver, with an engraving of the ship on one side of the mouth; on the inner side will be a suitable inscription. The *City of Brooklyn* is expected to arrive on Saturday next, and come to Brooklyn on the Tuesday following, anchoring at the foot of Montague-street, when the presentations will be made.

The Supreme Court yesterday confirmed the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on the widening of Vanderbilt-avenue, from Atlantic-avenue to Prospect Park. The total cost of the improvement is $176,223 30. It gives an additional width of thirty feet on the east side of Vanderbilt-avenue, making the avenue one hundred feet wide from Atlantic-avenue to the plaza of Prospect Park, and making it the grand approach to Prospect Park from the central part of the city. Twenty-five awards for compensation for land and buildings have been made, amounting to $164,474, of which about one-half—$81,297 30—is for buildings, and the other half for land. The scale on which the land has been valued is that of allowing $4,000 compensation for 25 feet front on Vanderbilt-avenue, and 100 feet deep. The city gets the largest award—$26,000—for the 50 feet slice cut off from Prospect Park before reaching the border of the plaza.

At a late hour on Sunday night the fancy store of A. & J. N. WOODWARD, No. 685 Myrtle-avenue, took fire. The stock was damaged to the amount of $1,000; insured for $2,500 in the American Insurance Company. The building, owned by J. BLATCHFORD, was damaged to the amount of $600; insured in the Nassau Company.

New-Jersey.

The old stone house at Sufferns, known as WASHINGTON's headquarters during the time of the Revolution, has been thrown down to make way for other buildings. A photographer has taken a number of views of the ruins.

A verdict of accidental death was returned last evening by the Coroner's jury in the inquest on the body of Mrs. BINN, resident of Carlstadt, Bergen County, who was killed near the Tunnel on Saturday last, by an Erie Railway train.

The residence of Mrs. MAPES, at Waverly, was broken into on the morning of Saturday last, and several valuable paintings and other articles stolen therefrom. The thieves gained entrance into the parlor by breaking out the glass in a window on the north side of the house. One of the pictures represented "Sunset on the Water," and the other was the portrait of an old lady in white turban and black dress.

CHRISTOPHER LASCHE, a grocery, doing business at No. 46 Grand-street, Newark, was arrested, on Saturday last, for having forged the name of JACOB WERNER to a promissory note for $200, payable in six months, on JOSHUA S. SLOCUM. The prisoner was committed for trial after a partial examination; but, on being removed to jail, he escaped from custody, and has not since been heard of.

Republican primaries will be held at Orange on Tuesday next, and the Town Convention on Monday.

There was skating in the Newark Rink last evening.

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Attorney-st., s. w. corner Rivington-st., 20x50.8	$12,500
Bleecker-st., No. 423 ft. W. of Bowery, 25x74	44,000
Cherry-st., n. s., 20x100	20,000
Chrystie-st., w. s., Nos. 213 and 215, 49.5x100x irr.	27,500
128.10x2.11x8.4x141.4	7,400
Christopher-st., 50 ft. s. of Houston-st., 25x75	10,000
Chrystie-st., w. s., 96.10 ft. n. of Stanton-st., 49.5x irr.	10,000
Forsyth-st., w. s., 25x100	22,000
Grand-st., No. 128, 17.10x100	25,500
Grand-st., s. s., 50 ft. e. of Essex-st., 16.6x70.9	19,500
Houston-st., No. 726, 21x97	11,000
James-st., e. s., 178.7x37.7x128.4x37.5	30,000
Kingsbridge road, w. s., 330x201.7x464.10x171.6	60,000
Lispenard-st., n. s., 20x100	30,000
Leonard-st., No. 77, 20x100	60,000
Lot No. 403 Bowery Farm	nom.
Madison-st., n. s., 216 ft. e. of Scammel-st., 25.8 x25	19,300
Madison-lane, s. s., No. 84, 21.5x80.7x8.6x8.9x irr.	10,000
Morton-st., n. s., 67.3 ft. e. of Bedford, 21.8x18.8	5,700
Munroe-st., n. s., 185.6 ft. w. of Clinton-st., 25x110	14,500
Orchard-st., No. 77, 20x97	21,500
Washington-st., e. s., 50 ft. s. of Bethune-st., 25x81.6x25.2	7,500
Willett-st., e. s., 100 ft. n. of Delancey-st., 25x100	21,000
8th-st., s. s., 264 ft. e. of Avenue C, 25x100	11,000
7th-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 2d-av., 25x97.5	20,000
7th-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of Avenue D, 25x92.5	12,000
13th-st., s. s., 240 ft. w. of Avenue D, 25x98.5	15,000
13th-st., s. s., 415 ft. w. of 2d-av., 15.6x103.5	17,500
14th-st., s. s., 193 ft. e. of 8th-av., 24x30	8,500
17th-st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of 8th-av., 17.10x50	9,000
18th-st., n. s., 144 ft. w. of 2d-av., 25.6x100	20,000
19th-st., s. s., 250.11 ft. w. of 7th-av., 15.5x100	13,000
20th-st., n. s., No. 230 W., 22.8x24.4x33	21,000
22d-st., s. s., 118 ft. e. of 8th-av., 18.4x98.9	12,000
27th-st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of 2d-av., 25x100	10,000
28th-st., n. s., 400 ft. w. of 8th-av., 16.10x98.9x98.6	16,000
29th-st., n. s., 269.7 ft. e. of 2d-av., 22.8x98.9	15,500
30th-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x98.9	24,000
32d-st., s. s., 325 ft. e. of 8th-av., 16.10x98.9	4,500
32d-st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of 10th-av., 18x100	4,500
36th-st., s. s., 425 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x98.9	15,500
37th-st., s. s., 118 ft. e. of 8th-av., 18.10x98.9x irr.	10
37th-st., s. s., 243 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x98.9x irr.	15,100
40th-st., n. s., 150 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x100.5	14,000
40th-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x100.5	16,000
40th-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of 9th-av., 25x100.5	17,625
40th-st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of 9th-av., 25x100.5	18,000
40th-st., n. s., 425 ft. w. of 9th-av., 25x100.5	18,000
41st-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 10th-av., 100.5x100	20,000
42d-st., n. s., 325 ft. e. of 10th-av., 37.10x100	20,000
44th-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 2d-av., 17.10x100.11	11,000
44th-st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of 2d-av., 17.10x100.11	11,000
44th-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of 2d-av., 17.10x100.11	11,000
44th-st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of 2d-av., 17.10x100.11	11,000
46th-st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of 2d-av., 25x100	17,000
46th-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of 2d-av., 25x100	17,000
46th-st., n. s., 375

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

Misery in Rome—Winter in Earnest—The Measures on Church—Church Mission—The Blessing of the Lambs—A Storm Night—Hundred Bells—Political Topics.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Thursday, Feb. 4, 1869.

A poor woman with her two little children found frozen to death! Such an announcement seems almost incredible in Rome, and yet the pitiful tragedy has actually been made known within the last fortnight, during the earlier part of which we have experienced cold unparalleled almost in the recollections of the oldest inhabitant. True, about five years ago there was a snowstorm which covered all the city with some three inches of snow; but that soon melted away, and the cold was by no means so intense as during this last experience. Saturday, the 23d of January, will long be remembered as the coldest day of this cold term, a keen, high wind blowing which drove equestrians and pedestrians alike within doors, and bestowed even the hotels which always occupy the centre of the Piazza di Spagna, and other favorite stands. The meat, too, was given up; for while there was the "bone in the ground" neither dogs nor human were good for anything at the lunch.

The churches, except grand old St. Peter's, where no outside variations affect the unchanging temperature within, were, per force, abandoned by the most determined sight-seers. The accounts of Aqua Santa a brisk sale, and no few cannon call for mind and more wood, a dear luxury in Rome, so many an American family found to its cost during the past fortnight; and there was more covering over floor and hotel than indulging even in the walls, which, in the Borghese and the Doria Pamphily villas, at this season of the year, are among the pleasantest appurtenances of Rome. Everybody out of doors, despite of the bright sun, is was cold, and everybody, out of doors, uncomfortable. And yet this extreme change of temperature afforded the opportunity of using many gray cloaks—all the more striking from their rarity—in the tricks which formed a great many of the fine fancies, those of the Piazza Farnese, of the Monte Cavallo, in the grand piazza of St. Peter's, the beautiful group of the Tortoise, and the gaudiest old Tabor, with its peach doll, the beautiful creations of JACQUES DELLA PORTA and BERNINI. The well-known fountain in the Borghese Villa, too, was specially brilliant with its clothed of dazzling crystal palaces, which, hanging from the large open shell above, whence entirely surrounded the fine jaunting sea-horses by which it is held up. The Trevi and the Aqua Paolina, the two largest and grandest fountains in this city of fountains, showed much signs of the effect of the frost from the great coldness and more numerous rents of the mains; but it was amusing to see how one, in other place, the Roman parade found out the uses to which such an unknown object is put by his conquerors in better climes. Where the gravel around the basin had become spotted and frozen, the sight of the clear smooth covering excited at first curiosity, soon followed by an inadvertent conception that it would afford mad fun, and there was quite a crowd in the Corso, and the balconies were tolerably well occupied. Of masquers on fancy costumes there were few, the chief object of attraction appearing to be the inevitable man dressed up in women's clothes, and with a baby in his arms. The time is short this year, however, six days only; and as there seems to be a lull in the political tempest—though one would hardly think so from the number of soldiers and gendarmes who are posted everywhere, and almost outnumber the civilians—we are promised gayer times and a nearer approach to what the Carnival was before Ash-Wednesday brings the merry-making to an end.

CHURCH MATTERS.

Of Church matters, the most talked of lately are the consecration of the newly-appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop of Scotland, which took place on Sunday with much pomp and ceremony, followed by a very pleasant and artistic collation; and the industrious ministrations of Archbishop MANNING, of the English Province of Westminster. These latter would seem to be directed somewhat for the benefit of the members of the American and English congregations who worship God according to the custom of their forefathers in the two chapels just outside of the Porta del Popolo. Every Sunday over a thousand or twelve hundred of these two congregations array their beautiful places, which may account, perhaps, for the fact that at 3 o'clock each Sunday afternoon Archbishop MANNING preaches in the Church which stands at that side of the piazza in which the Corso and the Babuino end.

Without desiring in the slightest degree to awaken or challenge that odious shibboleth, which, once excited, is so difficult to quell, the opinion may be permitted that with all his eloquence and fascination of manner, the high dignitary of the Roman Church is not likely to induce many sheep from the Protestant fold which he has himself abandoned. He has no lack of listeners, with, on their own services are concluded, stray into the little church, as certainly in their path homeward, where Sunday after Sunday the doctrines of the Romish creed are shrewdly expounded by Dr. MANNING, with a quiet, effective manner, and with many of the gifts of an orator. The impression he must generally leave seems to be that of an advocate; skillful, it is impossible to deny, but retained for the express purpose to make out a plausible case. There was a time in the history of the Church of England when the four names of KEBLE, PUSEY, NEWMAN and MANNING were everywhere recognized as its foremost and ablest champions. While the two former remained true to the faith of the fathers, WISEMAN died a Cardinal, and MANNING lives to become one when the 23 this year arrive. He has certainly fairly the red hat, which policy alone has withheld from him thus far, as it has, too, from an American prelate who has been long talked of in the halls of the Vatican for that high office in the Roman Church. A Cardinal in America who should keep up the state of a Cardinal in Rome would be more than a nine days' wonder, and yet what other displays of the Old World—royalty and its court alone excepted—are unfamiliar sights to the republican eyes at home? We must have made great progress in that way to accounts for the numberless American courts and coats of arms which parade the great capitals of aristocratic Europe.

THE BLESSING OF THE LAMBS.

Among other church ceremonies during the past fortnight, was the annual blessing of the lambs which supply the wool used for the sacred garments of the Roman dignitaries. This takes place in the Church of Sant Agnese fuori le mura, and always attracts a large congregation. Two little white lambs, decked with flowers and dragged, it is said, with chloroform to keep them quiet, are carried upon large cushions by priests to the high altar, where Mass is sung—the music being very fine—and then the benediction is bestowed upon them. As they are brought back, after the conclusion of the ceremony, through the main aisle of the church, everybody pushes forward to touch them with their fingers, and so receive a portion of the spiritual grace with which they have just been favored. It was lovely day, and not the least attractive part of the spectacle was the sight of the numbers pouring out of the church, and the small carriages of the Church magnates and of the Roman nobility which lined the road from the church to the Porta Pia. A day or two afterward I went to see the Papal Seminary situated at the Church of Sant Antonio, just beyond beautiful Santa Maggiore. There were some three equestrians of them, all covered in their show uniforms, and both in respect to equipments and horses, it would not be easy to find a better looking set of soldiers. They may count up to a line in front of the church, and an old, rather shabby looking priest stood upon the steps, mumbled over a blessing, and with a sort of mop, which he dipped from time to time in a brazen basin at his side, shook the holy water toward the waiting warriors. This forming four stands, and with salvos of the present, they rode, behind the priest who shook the water on them again as they passed, and the blessing was completed. Standing nearly alongside of the old priest were two or three American spectators who were rewarded for their patient attendance with a second shower of the sprinkling, which I doubt if they were altogether pleased with, for visions of thermometer sized before their unfaithful eyes. Thursday the ceremony of the Purification of the Virgin Candlemas was duly celebrated at St. Peter's with great pomp, the church being brilliantly filled, the sacrificial purpose, and the Pope, as usual, blessing the candles. The ceremony was a long one, and the Holy Father showed signs of weariness before it was over; but he looked well nevertheless, and with all the differences of opinion respect to greater men than his powerful successor, the Cardinal HOHENLOHE, who has the ear of Germany.

A STORM NIGHT.

On one of the brightest days of last week, there was a great gathering, alike of Romans and strangers, at the picturesque height which overlooks the Tre Fontane, the gre[illegible] of the Trappists, and the place where Mother Lee, the barbarous old woman, having saturated her clothes with contraband spirits, takes fire and burns like a torch; where the hero Ned, with his faithful and funny-speaking colored sidekick, Tim, combates and confounds the Sirens of the savages and the sorcerers, by predicting an eclipse. Which comes! Whereupon, "with a loud cry, the King and all his people throw themselves upon the ground and hid their faces in their hands—Ned and Tim only remained standing over the crowd of prostrate savages." Another fine passage is where the young Arcadian shows the warlike and beautiful Lucy, who has employed Ned to assist her in an expedition against her enemies, falls in love with him and tries to win him; but the constant young Englishman is proof against her blandishments. In another interesting chapter, Ned and Tim, in a wrecked condition, are thrown on the shore of a savage but fertile island of the Pacific, within the coral circle of an atoll, where they are put to a variety of remarkable shifts in order to procure shelter and satisfy hunger—the whole being, by a curious coincidence, the very original idea of our popular story-teller, Mrs. SOUTHWORTH, who lately developed it in her novel of *Fair Play*. Our hero and his humble friend sustain their fate with fortitude and even fine humor, which last has been considered out of place by prim critics—though, we think, too healthy and naturally. It should be remembered that, in particular, the latter, the result, the wonders heaped up a mighty heap of oysters, all stuck together, which, being laid in the sun, soon opened to the heat, offering a most delicious repast, without any need of an oyster-knife. Under such circumstances, most of us, perhaps, would have any human being could refrain from a certain show of hilarity. The idea is certainly a very good one, and it will remind the reader of a somewhat similar one in the above-quoted novel of *Fair Play*, where the hero and his friend are thrown ashore from the wreck a which new to afford sitting employment on the tar-brushes of the beautiful partner of his solitude, who always "took quite." In this parallel, the which every may, to wise, engage the young reader who, but we prefer DR. SAMUEL'S, which, rather up in gastronomic felicity for what it may want in geniality. On the whole, his story is one which will take the fancy of those for whom he wrote it—the boys, as he informs us in his preface; and it is such, will be the case, we do not see why any one need say DR SAMUEL should not have attempted such a thing, but stick to his old book and traveling style of descriptive literature. Perhaps, indeed, he wrote the story long ago, and kept it in reversion for who years, accordingly to the old advice of HORACE till carefully pondered over and fit for publishing of the kind. At any rate, it is a day like this, when bishops and doctors of divinity give way to the temptations of pen, fine publishers, and write stories for the young people, nobody should be too hard on Sir SAMUEL for following such a general fashion. His story is "a good story enough," and it will have a great number of readers, beyond a doubt.

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE IN THE THREE NEW YORKS. By HARRY A. WHEELER. New-York: HARPER & BROTHERS.

This is a very elegant reprint of Mr. WHEELER's work, published first in England, and noticed in our columns on its appearance there. It contains a great deal of interesting information on a matter which has interest come home to our business and our business—by particular the Territory of Alaska, over eight thousand miles as the Stars of New-York, with a swarm of outlying islands as "fringe" round that substantial piece of resistance. Together first charge us, by way of the Pass Strait, among the lakes, rivers and dense forestry of Vancouver's Island, the glaciers of Bute's Inlet, and the mines and gulches of Cariboo—all noteworthy, and the most noteworthy, perhaps, being the little Christian mission of MR. DUNCAN, at the Metlakahtla village, on the coast of Columbia. This gentleman, laying aside his surplice, is a great orator, for the present, has done all in his power to convert Mr. Robert Ido carpenter, road-maker, gentleman, manufacturer of oil and furs, and exporter of the same to Victoria, V. I., in their own canoes, which, compared to a great man-of-war by their own mariners. He teaches his savages to have thrifty notions and make money, and he sees them working about him cheerfully and industriously, without any old-fashioned hankering after his wives. People have blessed him as being of much use to trade, and perhaps, as a Christian, he may find his instinct of politics and economy rather hard upon his calling, or dinner, but he certainly takes the most practical means of benefiting and civilizing that ignorant people, and his example is nearly that which should be more heavily followed. At any rate, it is something better than cultivated whisky and Indian corn.

From Vancouver's Island, our traveler, in turn, proceeded to take part in the American expedition under Col. BULLOCK, and on foot by the Western Union Telegraph Company, for the purpose of laying a telegraph line to Europe, by way of Behring's Straits, Asiatic and the Amoor. Having reached the mountainous and rainy island of Sitka, he thus describes our first view of the Russians:

"The town is situated on a low strip of land, the Governor's house, and a pretty pagoda, a dark color on the shore, the greater part, showing white. The Russian, I is and Nicholas, the Greek Church, and the Greek Church, the Greek Church, and the Greek Church, and the Greek Church, and

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS TUESDAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 1.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 1.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—BROOKLYN.

POLICE COURTS.

BUSINESS IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

A special meeting of the members of the above Board will be held at the temporary rooms, No. 52 Broad-st., on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, March 2, at 3 o'clock, to consider certain amendments to the constitution of the Association will come before the meeting. By order of C. C. FARRIS, Vice-President.

OFFICE TRADESMEN'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, New-York, March 1, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of the Company, No. 102 Broadway, on TUESDAY, March 9, 1869, from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

TIMOTHY T. BROWN, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the City of New-York Fire Insurance Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 113 William-st., on TUESDAY, March 9, 1869, at 12 o'clock M.

A. H. LOWE, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE—MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual election for trustees will be held at the office of the Company, No. 128 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, March 10, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE CITY Mortgage Office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of the United States, No. 32 Nassau-st., will be open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily.

DEBENTURE BONDS.—THOSE wishing to sell at less than Fifty Per Cent. State Stocks, Gold, Railroad Bonds, or Bank Stocks, can find purchasers by addressing, or calling on, J. YORKSMITH, No. 1,[illegible]

NEW-YORK AND FLUSHING RAILROAD.—The Company of the First Mortgage Bondholders will meet at the Bank of Commerce, corner of Pearl and Beekman sts.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 26th day of February, A. D. 1869, a warrant in Bankruptcy issued against the estate of FRANKLIN M. RALSTON, of City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of himself, who resides within said State, and who has been and for the greater part of the six months next preceding the date of said petition has had his principal place of business